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QUEEN ELIZABETH.

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Jan. 3. 1. Note of the ordnance stores necessary for the Castle of Callshord [Calshot Castle?].

Jan. 5. 2. Information given by P. H. (indorsed *B. B.*) to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Journey of the Earl of Westmoreland to Rome, and his return to Flanders: he is compared with Campion. Departure of numerous Jesuits and seminaries from Rome for England. Intelligence of Wm. Smythe, Tyrrell, Mr. Gardynar, and Lady Foljambe. Landing of foreign troops in Ireland.

Jan. 10. Stafford. 3. Commissioners for Muster of Horses in Staffordshire to the Earls of Warwick and Leicester, and Mr. Vice-Chamberlain. Did not receive their letters for the musters, dated on the 1st of December, until the 29th of that month; but will proceed with as much expedition as possible.

Jan. 10. London. 4. Thomas Norton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends the interrogatories, and thanks him for his letter. Has written twice about Sir G. Peckham and his several petitions; who desires leave to walk upon the leads near his chamber. *Incloses,*

4. 1. *Proposed interrogatories to be ministered to Lord Henry Howard, relative to the treatise, published in English, touching the doings and troubles of the late Duke his brother, and the Bull of Pope Pius V. for deposing Queen Elizabeth.*

Jan. 10. 5. Tho. Lord Paget to same. Desires to be excused from attending St. Paul's on Sunday next at the time of the sermon. Requests longer time to consider of it, and professes faithfulness to Her Majesty.

Jan. 12. 6. Lord Henry Howard to same. Solicits his influence with Her Majesty. No cause under heaven could make him swerve one jot from his professed faith, duty, and service to her. Falsehood of his accuser. Explains his hearing mass, not being satisfied in points about the Sacrament. Desires to be set at liberty on promising never to commit the like offence.

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Jan. 13. 7. Articles for a grant of Liberties to be made to the Inhabitants of the isles of Sheppey, Harty, and Emlett, in the county of Kent; with such alterations and additions as the inhabitants desire.

Jan. 14. 8. Articles for better observance of religion, &c., exhibited by the Bishop of Chester to the Lords of the Council, to be by them preferred to Parliament.

Jan. 14. Bourges. 9. Anthony Bacon to Lord Burghley. All the letters he has received from England mention the honourable and fatherly dealing of Burghley towards him, for which he offers his devoted service. Is grateful for his assistance in prosecuting his right to Pinner Park.

Jan. 16. 10. Abstract of several precedents for the issuing of writs by the Lord Chancellor, in time of prorogation, for election of Members to sit in Parliament—15 Eliz. to 23 Eliz.

Jan. 16. 11. Relation of the proceeding in the opening of Parliament, "the "Queenes Highnes, with the L. L. and Bishoppes in Parliamente "robes, did ryde from Her Mats Pallaice at Whitehall to West-"minster Churche, and there hearde a sermon."

Jan. 16. 12. The induction of Peregrin Berty, Lord Willoughby of Ersby, for the taking of his place in the Upper House of Parliament, the 16th day of January, 1581. John Lord Russell and Frederick Lord Windsor were called by writ at the same time.

Jan. 17. Cobham. 13. William Lord Cobham to the Council. Excuses the fault found with the certificate of horsemen in Kent; Mr. Thomas, as late high sheriff, having been absent in Sussex. Desires that some convenient time may be limited for the taking a new muster.

Jan. 21. Woodstock. 14. Sir Henry Lee and others, Justices of Oxfordshire, to the Earls of Leicester. Desires longer time to make their certificate of horsemen within the shire.

Jan. 23. Thornage. 15. Commissioners for Muster of Horses in Norfolk to the Earl of Sussex. Have received their commission and instructions for taking the musters of horses and geldings, and have appointed the 28th of March for a general muster.

Jan. 23. 16. Names of the Lords Committee on the Bill for reformation of errors in fines and recoveries.

Jan. 23? 17. Inconveniences to be considered of touching the last device for the enrolment of fines.

Jan. 24. 18. Proceedings in the House of Commons from the 20th to the 24th of January, relating to the matter of a public fast.

Jan. 26. 19. Statement of the conveyance of the Barony and Lordship of Powis by Sir Edward Grey, Lord Grey of Powis; and claim of the Vernons, pretending to be his next heirs.

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Jan. 26? 20. Draft of an Act against slanderous words and rumours against the Queen's Majesty. [*First reading in the Lords* 26 *Jan.* 1581.]

Jan. 26. 21. Certificate of the Trinity House of the increase of fishing boats since the last Parliament.

Jan. 26. 22. Detailed account of the ~~view~~ taken by the Masters of the Trinity House of the increase of fishing boats in various ports.

Jan. 27. 6 Kal. Feb. Oxford. 23. Albericus Gentilis to "D. Hatio" [Arthur Atey], secretary to the Earl of Leicester. Desires not to trouble the Earl too often with his letters. Will shortly try his success at college. Desires to be commended to the Earl. Latin.

Jan. 30. Rushbrooke. 24. Commissioners for Muster of Horses in Suffolk to the Earl of Sussex. Have not been able to return a certificate, as they found so many defects and omissions, that they had determined on a new muster. Desire his Lordship to appoint a day for the new muster, and, if he could, to be present thereat. *Inclosing,*

24. I. *Names of certain gentlemen who desire to be exempted from the muster for the reasons contained in the schedule.*

Jan. 30. 25. Supplication that salted fish brought into England by the Hollanders may be brought to one appointed port only.

Jan. 31. Colchester. 26. Bailiffs and Aldermen of Colchester to the Earl of Sussex. That in consideration of their possessing no land or pasture for keeping of horses, their proportion of arms and armour had been augmented; are willing still further to increase that proportion.

Jan. 31. 27. Proviso to a bill for the better landing and discharging of merchandise.

Jan. 31. 28. Bill for the avoiding of certain incumbrances against purchasers, called the Act of Exigents.

Jan. 31. 29. Petition to the Queen and to both Houses of Parliament, to provide against fraudulent conveyances, and for registry of evidences, &c.

Jan. 30. Griffith Maddox to Arthur Atey. In behalf of the man recommended by his master, the effect of whose suit he incloses in a little paper.

Jan. 31. Memoranda, in Burghley's hand, of foreign occurrences.

Jan. 32. The purport of the first clause of the Act 23 Eliz., cap. 1, to retain the Queen's Majesty's subjects in their due obedience; declaring it treason to persuade any English subjects to withdraw from their natural obedience, to the Romish religion, or obedience to the see of Rome.

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Jan. 33. A recital of former statutes against such as reconcile themselves to the Church of Rome, their maintainers or concealers.

Jan. 34. Duplicate of the above, with some additions, and with marginal notes by Burghley.

Jan. 35. Charges against Davye Wood, a preacher. His ill treatment of his wife and scandalous exposure of himself to two women who interfered on her behalf; their characteristic revenge. His drunkenness and other ill conduct.

Jan.? 36. Suit of the Commissioners for repair of Dover Harbour for money to be levied for the continuance of the works there for the ensuing year, by being allowed to export malt and barley, notwithstanding the restraint of grain, and that the city of London might lend 1,000*l.* for one year.

Jan.? 37. Device for money to be levied for the maintenance of the works at Dover Harbour this year. Same in substance as the above. Restraint of exportation of barley and malt out of Norfolk and Suffolk, except under the Dover licence.

Jan. 38–41. Four discourses by Robert Barret, addressed probably to Walsyngham? The FIRST, dated 20th January, 1580-1, details the course of his travels for the last six years in Flanders, France, Italy, and Spain, and of the English persons with whom he came in contact. In Rome he was examined before Mr. Stukly, one Mr. Shelly, who calls himself Lord Prior of England, and an old man called Goldwell, sometime Bishop [of St. Asaph] in England. The SECOND discourse describes more particularly by name the English Papists and Jesuits he met in his travels, and gives lists of such Papists as had repaired to England, and "of such as were villanous wretches of their tongues, and would do much hurt." The THIRD discourse contains details of foreign policy and designs against England, and of his own endeavours to return to England. The FOURTH discourse relates his course of life from the time he was 16 years of age till his return to England; and concludes by offering his services to disclose "not only the names of such Englyshe, Iryshe, or "Scottyshe Papistes, bothe yonge and olde, as do remayne in Flan- "ders, Fraunce, Italy, or Spaygne, but allso the names of many "their favourers and fawters here in England." The second discourse is indorsed, partly by Burghley, "*Ro. Barret, a long discourse of "his travel in forrayn partes: brought by Sir H. Ratclyffe.*"

Jan.? 42. Petition of John Bovyat to the Queen, praying that his grant for the making of saltpetre and gunpowder [*see Vol.* cvi., *No.* 53] may be confirmed by Act of this present Parliament.

Feb. 1. Dublin. 43. Lawrence Hollingshed to Sir Francis Walsingham. Prays to be excused from attendance in Parliament as member for the town of Buckingham, by reason of ill health.

Feb. 1. Copy of the above. [*Imperfect MS., James I.*]

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Feb. 1. 44. Petition of Thos. Denman, of London, to Lord Burghley and others. Prays to be paid the sum of 235*l.* remaining due to him by Mr. Henry Howard.

Feb. 3. St. John's College. 45. Dr. Richard Howlande to Burghley. Sends back again the articles concerning his honourable gift to their college. Offers a suggestion as to the election of his scholars.

Feb. 6. Prob. 46. Articles contained in the Bill for coming to the service of the Church; with marginal annotations by Burghley.

Feb. 7. 47. Names of the Lords Committee on the Bill touching leases made by corporations.

Feb. 8. 48. Petition of William Underne, of Starthorpe, Notts, to Lord Burghley; to hear and determine a cause, between himself and the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Cambridge, as to a lease of the Manor of Starthorpe.

Feb. 10. London. 49. Horatio Pallavicino to Walsyngham. Detail of foreign news. Events in Flanders. The Prince of Parma's stay in Tournay. The English College of Jesuits at Rome. Italian.

Feb. 11. 50. Note of powder received from Christopher Hudson and others, into the office of Ordnance.

Feb. 13. Bourges. 51. Anthony Bacon to Burghley. It is three weeks since he wrote about his right to Pinner Park. Sends letters of advice and direction to his brother Francis, Mr. Alderman Martin, and others. Money transactions. Commends the bearer, Mr. Blanshard, for his well-grounded knowledge in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Feb. 14. 52. Note of words uttered in Parliament by Mr. Arthur Hall respecting the Queen of Scots and execution of the Duke of Norfolk. Charge against him of publishing proceedings in the House, and untruly reporting the same.

Feb. 16. Bennet College. 53. Dr. Robert Norgate, Master of Bennet College, (Corpus Christi, Cambridge,) to Burghley. Requests that the two senior Doctors in divinity may be joined with the doctors appointed by Burghley for ordering the controversies in that house.

Feb. 17. Shrewsbury. 54. Sir Richard Shuttleworth to Walsyngham. Has forborne to prosecute the bonds for certain cattle entered into by Mr. Barton, but Barton has begun a suit against him in the Chancery. Desires his further directions for the full ending of their causes.

Feb. 18. 55. Note of the charge for four pinnaces, to be employed in bringing intelligence to and from Ireland.

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Feb. 18. 56. "Answer to Mr. William Underne's supplication, exhibited to the Right Hon. the Lord Treasurer, against the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, touching the Manor of Starthorpe, in the county of Notts."

Feb. 18. 57. Report of the speech delivered by William Underne in the Chancery, touching the omission of Dr. Still's name, in a bill exhibited in that court.

Feb. 20. 58. Supplication to the Queen by the Earl of Shrewsbury's Tenants of the Manor of Glossopdale, complaining of exactions and oppressions, in raising their rents, being deprived of their leases before their expiration, subject to new services, &c., with the Earl's answer in detail to the same.

Feb. 20. 59. Duplicate of the above: with some slight variations.

Feb. 20? 60. Submission of certain Tenants of the Earl of Shrewsbury's Manor of Glossopdale, acknowledging that they had unlawfully combined to resist giving up their holdings, the leases of which had expired: and praying to be restored to their tenements as heretofore.

Feb. 20. 61. Wm. (?) Wright to Lord Burghley, Requests payment of the remaining moiety of a sum due to him by Mr. Henry Howard; and that the release and survey of the Manor of Kingsey, parcel of the lands of Lord Viscount Howard, of Bindon, in the hands of Mr. Scynner [Skynner ?], may be given up to him.

Feb. 22. 62. Anthony Cooke to same. That he may receive the same allowance for keeping Havering Park and two walks in the Forest of Waltham, as his father, Sir Anth. Cooke, formerly enjoyed; and solicits a grant of the keeping of that park for life, &c.

Feb. 22. 63. Answer to a Bill presented to Parliament by the Wardens of the Goldsmiths for confirmation of light Troy weights, "by an inquest lately sised."

Feb. 23. 64. Commissioners of Musters for Worcestershire to the Earl of Leicester. Have received their commission and instructions, and desire a longer time for taking the musters. Request that certain persons named in the letter may be excused on account of their inability.

Feb. 25. 65. Deposition of Richard Frenche, mariner, taken before Dr. Lewes, Judge of the Admiralty, touching the spoil of his ship, the "Elizabeth of London," by John Coates and others, off Flamborough Head.

Feb. 22. 66. An Act to take away future uses creating perpetuities of lands, in special cases.

Feb. 26. 67. Receipt by Wm. Archer for the sum of 4*l.* from Sir. Wm. Catesby, in full discharge of the debt of Richard Catesby, Esq.

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Feb. 68. Sir Henry Lee and others, Commissioners of Musters for Buckinghamshire, to the Earls of Warwick and Leicester and Sir Chr. Hatton. Have taken the first muster of horsemen, but desire longer time for making their certificate.

Feb. 69. Offers of Michael Lok for working the ore at Dartford, brought from the North-west voyage by Capt. Furbisher.

Feb. 70. Earls of Warwick and Leicester and Sir Chr. Hatton to the several shires in their circuit; sending new books of rates for the muster and keeping of horses within their respective counties.

Feb. 71. Memoranda of corrections in the instructions and letters relating to the musters.

Eeb. 72. Articles for a grant of certain Liberties to the Inhabitants of the isles of Sheppey, Harty, and Emlett; slightly altered from those of Jan. 13th.

Feb. 73. Articles given by Sir Richard Norton against Wm. Pitts, late of Alton, in the county of Southampton, and Benjamin Tychebourne, for seditious speeches concerning religion and government.

Feb. 74. *Articles containing matter of offence against the State, uttered by one William Pitts, late of Alton, favoured and countenanced by Benj. Tychebourne, Esq.*; showing, also, certain misdemeanors of the said Tychebourne. The saying of Pitts, who was a disperser of the challenge of Edmond Campion the jesuit; escape of Pitts from Bath gaol; arrest of Elizabeth, sister of Dr. Saunders and wife of Henry Pitts, the father of William Pitts. Favour shown to Benj. Tychebourne by the Lord Chief Baron. [*On the 1st of Dec.* 1580, *the Bishop of Winchester and others were directed to examine Elizabeth Saunders, a professed nun, and Richard Hourde, "a server abroad of a seditious challenge." Co. Reg.*]

Feb. 75. Duplicate of the above.

Feb. 76. Memorandum of charges against Tychebourne; his favour shewn to William Pitts and Henry his father, a great favourer of Papists, and himself suspected.

Feb. 77. Copy of the usual preamble to the grant of subsidy by the Clergy in Convocation; probably to be used for the subsidy of 23 Eliz.

Feb.? 78. Another copy of the above.

Feb.? 79. An Act for the maintenance of the forts, bulwarks, and places of defence in and near the town of Southampton.

Feb.? 80. Proposition by the Coastmen, for a Bill for increase of the navigation by exporting herrings and other fish bought by aliens in England, and by restraining the importation of fish bought by English subjects abroad.

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Feb. 81. Suit of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House to the Queen, for the better keeping of Wednesday as a fish day only, for the increase of fishing and better maintenance of the navy; and also for the better observance of a branch of the Act for licensing mariners and seafaring men to work wherries on the Thames.

Feb. 82. Rate for the diet of a man for the fish days, and the difference in price for flesh.

Feb. 83. Proviso proposed to be inserted in the Bill for increase of navigation. [*Probably for the Act 23 Eliz., cap. 7, but no such proviso occurs in that nor any subsequent Act relating to navigation.*]

Feb.? 84. Answers to the pretended Bill for maintenance of the navy; the restraint of importation of foreign herrings and other fish would be injurious.

Feb.? 85. "Draft of an Act that Her Majesty shall appoint collectors for the Bishoppes Tenths."

86. Bill for maintaining a light on Winterton Steeple for the more safety of such ships as pass by that coast.

Feb. 87. Bill for relief of prisoners confined for debt in the Bench and Fleet prisons, for making composition with their creditors.

Feb. 88. Commission to the Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Sheriffs of London, the Bishop of London, and many others, upwards of sixty in number, to compound with the creditors of poor debtors, prisoners in Newgate and Ludgate, and the two Compters in the city of London.

Feb.? 89. Petition of William Overton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to the Council. Prays to be relieved from the injurious effects of certain leases of the manors of Bishops Itchington, Tachebrooke, &c., co. Warwick, granted by former bishops; the rents being factiously withheld by Edward Fisher now in possession.

Feb.? 90. Particulars of leases of the manors of Tachebrooke, Bishops Itchington, and others, granted to Thomas Fisher, and detained by Edward his son.

Feb.? 91. Petition of the Gunmakers to the Council; praying for a charter of incorporation for the true making and repairing of callivers, muskets, dags, and other small guns and pieces; the Earl of Warwick, or the Master of the Ordnance for the time being, to be governor of the said company.

Feb.? 92. Duplicate of the above.

Feb.? 93. Petition of the same to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; soliciting his furtherance of their petition to the Council, which the Earl of Warwick has read and approved of.

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Feb. ? 94. Petition of the Gunners of the Tower and of the Navy to the Queen; praying for an Act of Parliament for the training up skilful gunners, and to prohibit every one from exercising the office of gunner in any ship or vessel, but such as shall receive certificates of their skill and proficiency in the same art.

Feb. ? 95. Articles for the examination of the Gunners of the Tower and for practising them, four times a year at least in the Artillery Garden, given for that purpose by King Henry VIII. to the office of the Ordnance.

Feb. ? 96. Commission to Sir Henry Radeclyff for taking musters within the town and liberties of Portsmouth.

Feb. ? 97. Articles to be administered to Thos. Cottam, Luke Kirby, and others, priests, of late committed to the Tower; of their coming into England; of persons reconciled by them to the Church of Rome; of any conference with Campion or knowledge where he is, &c.

Feb. ? 98. Answer in justification and furtherance of the project of Mr. Ferrys for the better regulation of the trade of the Merchant Strangers, and reforming of the abuses of strangers made denizens.

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March 1. 1. List of Bills in Parliament, in various stages of progress; of those already passed in the Lower House; of those read but not expedited; and of Bills not yet read.

March 1. 2. Petition of Thomas Clyff to Sir Wm. Cecill (*sic*). Requests payment of the remainder of the debt due to him by Mr. Henry Howard; being one of the oldest creditors.

March 1 ? 3. Commissioners for Muster of Horses in Lincolnshire to the Earls of Warwick and Leicester and Sir Chr. Hatton. Request a longer time to make their certificate, which they will do as soon as they conveniently may.

March 1. Polsted. 4. Gervais Smith to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has heard from Mr. Still that Walsyngham remembers the conversation with Mr. Cole about transfer of ministers. Appeals for assistance or promotion. Latin.

March 2. 5. Bill to retain the Queen's Majesty's subjects in their due obedience. Draft corrected by Burghley.

March 2. 6. Considerations why the Bill against the Company of Merchant Adventurers, being Freemen of the City of London, should not pass. [*Bill read a second time March* 2, 1581.]

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March 3? 7. Reasons for an Act for the maintenance of the wire-works at Tinterne, in the county of Monmouth, and of the iron-wire drawers, iron-wire cardmakers, and iron-wire workers throughout England and Wales.

March 3? 8. Instructions of the state of the matter whereby to prevent the attempt to procure a statute against the county of Glamorgan, for building a bridge at Cardiff; with the answers of the burgesses of Cardiff to the same.

March 4. 9. The causes that moved William Mathew, Knight of the shire and county of Glamorgan, to give his consent for a law to be provided for building of the bridge of Cardiff. [*The Bill for re-edifying Cardiff Bridge was sent to the Lords, 4 March, and became the Act 23 Eliz. cap.* xi.]

March 4. 10. Bill for retaining the Queen's Majesty's subjects in due obedience, indorsed by Lord Burghley, "The second bill corrected, "for reteyning ye Q. Matys subjectes in their obedieče to Hir Maty "16 leaves of pap. wryttē in a small hād. 38 Articles." [*There are 38 articles, but they are written on 18 leaves of paper instead of 16 as stated by Burghley. The second Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on the 4th March,* 1581.]

March 4. Chester. 11. Sir Wm. Gerrarde and Sir George Caulveley (sheriff of Chester) to the Earl of Leicester. Report their endeavours to obtain from Robert Touneshend any particulars respecting his knowledge of Campion the jesuit, who, with one Gilbart, Touneshend was supposed to have conveyed to the house of Mr. Dutton at Hatton. *Inclosing,*

11. I. *Examination and declaration of Robert Touneshend, relative to his nephew, Geo. Gilbart, and of Campion the jesuit, of whom he denies all knowledge.* 3 *March.*

March 4. 12. Certificate of the quantities of corn shipped from the port of Dover.

March 5. Ludlow. 13. William Herlle to his cousin Edmond Cornwall (Baron of Burford). Desires to hear from him. Expense and tediousness of his own business in Wales. Foreign news. State of the Low Countries. French News. The Queen's intended marriage with the Duke of Anjou. State of affairs in Scotland. Mr. Drake will proceed in a second voyage, well furnished and countenanced. Don Antonio, late King of Portugal, is secretly in France. Much ado about Papists and Jesuits at London.

March 7. London. 14. Arthur Lytley to the Bishop of Chichester. Acknowledges his right to the late wreck, which he perceives, by the accompanying copy of the charter of King Henry VI., he is justly entitled to.

[March 7?] 15. Legal points on the Bishop of Chichester's claim to wreck of the sea.

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March 3. 16. Genealogical note, in Burghley's hand, relative to Lord Zouche's case, tracing the family descent from William Lord Zouche and Alice St. Maur, his wife, to George Lord Zouch, who died in 1569. [*Probably connected with the bill, "touching my Lord Zouche," read a 3d time in the Lords, 8 March,* 1581.]

March 8. Bristol. 17. Thomas Slocumbe, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Bristol, to the Earl of Leicester. Condition of the goods and merchandise aboard the Minion of Plymouth, which had been arrested in Andaluzia on suspicion of piracy. The bearer, Thomas Deconson, desires to receive some compensation for his losses.

March 8. 18. Note of the matters objected by William Marq. of Winchester, by his bill in the Higher House of Parliament, against Henry Oughtred; with Oughtred's answer to the same.

March 8. 19. Notes touching the Bill for maintenance of the Borders against Scotland; in Burghley's hand.

March 10. 20. Note of alterations made by the Commons in the Bill sent down by the Lords, for maintenance of the Borders against Scotland.

March 11. 21. Note or list of the Bills sent down to the Commons' House; and of those that came from the Lower House.

March 11. 22. Statement of the case of Sir Anthony Mayne, who desires authority from Parliament to break the will of his father, John Mayne, deceased, and to bar the remainders.

March 11. Inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and debts of Tho. Elliot, citizen and pewterer of London, deceased; viewed and praysed by John Crowche, Richard Bradshawe, and others, and exhibited on the 11th March, 1581. [*Case C. Eliz. No.* 9.]

March 12. Nuenton. [Newington ?] 23. Mrs. Elizabeth Duddeley to the Earl of Leicester. The loss of her dear husband, and Leicester's late conceived displeasure against him, has grievously touched her. Her only earthly comfort now is to have his protection. Beseeches him to pity a poor widow's tears, and to extend his favour to herself and her poor girl. Sends all his writings she can find, except some of his letters witnessing his former favours towards her late husband.

March 13. 24. Depositions of Ambrose Earl of Warwick, Roger Lord North, Sir Francis Knollys, and Humfrey Tindall, clerk, relative to the secret marriage of the Earl of Leicester with Letitia Countess of Essex, at Wanstead House on the 21st of September 1578. *Indorsed* "Dyvers notes and coppie of the ꝓcedinges of Sr. Roberte "Dudley conserninge his legittymation."

March 14. 25. Draft of "Mr. Leonard's Bill for y^e^ cutting off of Michaelmas Terme."

March 16. Paris. 26. Richard Grenewey to Dr. Humphrey Ely. Received his message by Mr. Covert, calling him a churl: remonstrates with him for it. Desires to be remembered to Mr. Fitzherbert. Is troubled where to go to avoid the pest, which is certainly in Paris.

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March 17. Westminster. 27. The Queen to the Sheriffs and special Commissioners of Musters in Counties; to levy a certain number of men, amounting in the whole to 1,000 men, for service in Ireland.

28. The same, for all the counties in Wales.

March 18. 29. Reasons why the statute for the increase of mariners and maintenance of navigation ought to be dispensed with.

March 18. 30. Petition of Wm. Maxfeylde to the Council. That his diocesan the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield had not been able to confer with him during this Parliament. Desires that he may have licence to depart out of town with the Bishop.

March 25. St. James's. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Mr. [William] Waad. Thanks for his advertisements. Wishes him to send intelligence of any thing of importance, by express if necessary. Thanks for his provision of trees. The affairs of Scotland stand presently in very bad terms, the enterprise of Angus to seize D'Aubigny being discovered. [*See Vol.* xlv., *p.* 68.]

March 27. Salop. 31. Sir Henry Sydney to the Earl of Leicester. Had been cautioned how he trusted his cousin, Mr. Justice Towneshend. Comes at last to an explanation with him, who details the nature of his transactions with the Comptroller, Sir James Croft. Bears testimony in Towneshend's favour.

March 28. 32. Certificate of the persons in the county of Norfolk appointed to keep horses or geldings for service, the number of horses or geldings rated upon every of them, together with the names of the persons appointed to ride upon the same.

March. 33. Brief of the certificates of musters of horse in various counties and names of the Commissioners in the shires under the charge of the Earls of Warwick and Leicester.

March. 34. Thomas Scot to Leicester. Being by profession a preacher, by birth an Englishman, and by baptism a Christian, thinks it right to disclose the traitorous speeches of Henry Hawkins—"that my "Lord Robert hath had fyve children by the Queene, and she "never goethe in progress but to be delivered." Papists favoured by Henry Lovell and Sir Henry Bedingfield.

March? 35. Petition of Francis Tucker to Sir F. Walsingham; complains of the seizure of his ship and goods at Civita Vecchia, and of his being thrown into the inquisition on a charge of acting against Campion in England. Solicits letters of reprisal against the Roman States.

March. 36. A note of all English ships, of 20 tons and upwards, coming with merchandise from the parts beyond seas and discharged at the port of London by the space of one whole year between Easter 1580 and Easter 1581, the total for the whole year amounting to 30,881 tons.

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March. 37. Paper, indorsed "Mr. Norton's Defence against Hampton's "false Report." Detail by Norton of his meeting Mr. Hampton of Trinity College, Cambridge, at the house of Mr. William Grice, his conversation with Hammond, after supper, on Parliamentary affairs, in which the latter endeavours to throw the odium of certain proceedings upon the Queen, whom Norton defends, and casts the odium upon the Bishops. His troubles in consequence.

March. 38. Petition of Inhabitants of Peterborough to the Queen; praying for relief. Distress by decay of their trade. The late Abbey by its power and influence protected them and their interests, more than the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter do.

March? 39. Petition of Jane Shelley, wife of William Shelley, now a prisoner, to the Council. Complains of abuses offered her by her husband's servants within a few months ensuing his commitment to the present day. Prays to have sufficient maintenance assigned to her out of her own lands and tenements by right of inheritance, and that her jewels and jointure lands may be restored to her. [*William Shelley of Michelgrove, Sussex, was committed to the Fleet*, 13 *Aug.* 1580. (*Co. Reg.*) *There was also another William Shelley, of Sutton, co. Hereford, in confinement at the same time.*]

April 1. 40. Suit of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the town of Sandwich, to the Council. Giving credence to the bearers touching the repairing and preserving of the haven at Sandwich; and requesting for that purpose a licence to transport 20,000 quarters of corn.

April 1. 41. Certificate of grain transported from the port of Sandwich, passed from port to port, from the first of March to the first of April, 1581.

April 1? 42. Certificate for all manner of grain, as well going out as coming in from or to the port of Feversham, from Michaelmas, 1580, unto the feast of Easter following.

April 3. 43. Estimate of the charge for victualling and setting forth to sea in warlike manner, eight ships and six pinnaces for four months, for 1,000 men, under the command of Francis Drake, to intercept the Spanish galleons from the West Indies, &c.

44. Another copy.

April 3. 45. Another copy, curtailed.

April 3. 46. Another estimate for the above, with considerable difference in the amount, with the names of the captains, Francis Drake, Richard Byngham, Edward Fenton, &c.

(April 3.) 47. Another estimate of the charges for the above expedition, called the "First Enterprise," to land on the Isles of Terceiras, &c., and details for the "Second Enterprise," to go to Callicut, and there to establish the trade of spices in Her Majesty's right, as a party with the King of Portugal.

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April 3. Newcastle. 48. Henry Earl of Huntingdon to Leicester and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Touching the lease of a house on his Manor of Canford, unduly granted by the sons of Lord Montjoy to one named Meade. Requests that no more letters may pass from the Lords, respecting possession, till his claim shall have been heard.

April 5. Chester. 49. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Chester to the Earl of Leicester. Desires that Tho. Wynnington and Edw. Cotten may, from inability, be excused from furnishing the horses assessed upon them.

April 5. Chester. 50. Same to same. It is impossible for the gentlemen of the county to furnish the numbers rated upon them in the last commission. Desire that their first certificate may stand, as the highest rate they deserve to be set at. Send a schedule of the increase and the causes why not formerly certified. *Inclosing,*

50. I. *Additions to the number of Lances and Light Hores rated in the county of Chester, according to the new rate.*

April 7. Blandford. 51. Sir Ric. Rogers and others, (Commissioners to end a controbetween Viscount Howard, of Bindon, and Henry Howard, his son,) to Lord Burghley and others. Report their proceedings. A new cause of question has arisen between the father and son, concerning a farm called West Barton. *Inclosing,*

51. I. *Remembrances touching Henry Howard; his doings at Lulworth, associating with Tho. Eyre and other ill company, pirates, sailors, &c. His unseemly conduct towards his father.*

April 10. 52. Sir Walter Aston and Richard Bagot, Commissioners for Horses in Staffordshire, to the Earl of Sussex and others, special Commissioners. Certify their doings. Many of the gentlemen rated for the keeping of horses possessed but small livings. Names of certain gentlemen rated in other shires.

April 14. 53. Note of the cause between Horatio Pallavicino and William and John Hawkyns, relative to the freight and services of some shipping.

April 14. Temple. 54. John Helle to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Declares the state of the controversy depending in Chancery between Mr. Hawkyns, and his brother and Horatio Pallavicino. Justness of Mr. Hawkyns's claim. *Incloses,*

54. I. *Note of the particulars wherein William Hawkyns and John Hawkyns were charged, and ought to be recompensed, as conscience doth move them.*

April 16. Montgomery. 55. William Herlle to Leicester. Difficulty and expense of his business in Wales. Sends up George Wythers for a warrant. Mr. S. Foxe disappointed that he is not yet in possession of Okeley Park. Many plots and conspiracies against Leicester. Herlle's debts are so

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April 17. 56. Proclamation forbidding large assemblies of people on the coming of the French Ambassadors, and for preserving public peace

April 28. 57. James Swift's information touching certain pirates; seizure of a French ship by Capt. Dericke a Dutchman, and George Burde, having a stump foot.

April 30. 58. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of Sandwich, and passed from port to port, from the 1st to the 30th of April: and of the quantities passed by Dover licence.

April. The Court. 59. The Council to the Commissioners for Musters of Horses in the county of Northampton. That their excuse of the inability of the shire to furnish according to the new rate would not be received, and therefore they are to commence the musters, and send their certificate accordingly.

April? 60. Petition of the Jurats and Commoners of the town of Dover to the Council. Charges of fraudulent and corrupt dealing of Tho. Allan during his mayoralty, and of Tho. Androwe, jurat and Water bailiff; and declaring John Knapp, the deputy bailiff, to be a perjured person, and not worthy to sit in the place of justice.

April? 61. The names of all such English scholars as be in the English seminary at Rome, being the Pope's scholars there; of the doctors at Rome; of the gentlemen at Rome, Rheims, Paris, and Douay; and of those who departed from Rome on the 18th of April, 1579, in company with Edmond Campion and John Parsons, jesuits.

April? 62. Memorandum of several bonds in which Sir William Catesby and Sir Thomas Tresame stand bound to James Cressey, for the payment of various sums of money at stated periods.

April? 63. Certificate of the names of all the parks in which deer are kept within the county of Norfolk, with the names of owners, and the just number of mares and stallions kept within every of the said parks. Signed by Sir Wm. Buttes and William Heydon.

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May 1. 1. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of Feversham from the feast of Easter, 1581, to the 1st of May following.

May 1. Sutton. 2. Charles Arundel to a Lady. Is sorry he has not oftener occasion to express his love and friendly disposition towards her, which is now in that degree of perfection that it cannot take any increase. His love to her has led him to deal with her sister, that she might utter his mind to her.

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May 1? 3. A Lady to Charles Arundel. Upon the proposition for the match for her bedfellow, whose weal she tenders no less than if she were her own child, she will not fail to employ her credit towards the party, who may be assured of her good liking.

May 10? 4. Petition of John Chapell to the Council. Stating his right lamentable complaint against the magistrates of Lubeck touching great injuries done him through their extreme malice and unlawful dealings, and praying for letters of marque against them.

May 10. Moscow. 5. Certificate proving that John Chapell has not received any money from the people of Lubeck for his goods, and that no citizens of Lubeck have been molested in Russia by his means.

May 11. Whitehall. 6. The Council to the Sheriff and Justices of Berkshire. To levy an additional number of men for service in Ireland, and to furnish them "with coates of some darke and sadd colour, as "russett or such like, and not of so light colour as blewe and "redd, w^ch heretofore hath commonly been used."

May 11. 7. Same to the Mayor of Chester. To provide shipping for the transportation of 800 men to Ireland, and to make provision of victuals for the voyage. [*Letters of similar tenor were dispatched to the ports of Barnstable and Ilfracombe on the 11th of May. Co. Reg.*]

May 15. 8. Note of certain orders made by the Jury on the 15th of May, 1581, for the preservation of Malvern Chace: defining the rights, privileges, and customs of the commoners of the Chace.

May 15. 9. Answer of John Horniold to the complaint of John Knottesforde, touching his right of commonage and felling of timber in Malvern Chace, and setting forth his title so to do. Information by John Hornihold against the said Knottesforde.

May 19. London. 10. Tho. Milles to Wm. Davison. Mr. Randolphe has left for Maidstone. The triumphs are ended, and he saw the tilt from beginning to end. General fear of the Queen's marriage. Intelligence from Scotland. Trial of Morton, who he fears will be headless ere this. The charges against him, poisoning of Athol, &c. If what is said of Archd. Douglas fall out true, it is a pity he had not been hanged over Berwick walls.

May 20. Whitehall. 11. Lord Burghley to Thomas Smythe, farmer of the Customs. Directs an imposition of 3*s.* 4*d.* to be levied on every cwt. of alum imported into the realm, from any of the dominions of the Bishop of Rome.

May 26. 12. Answer of the Commissioners appointed to examine and certify certain articles concerning Michael Lok's accompt, and the voyages of Martin Furbisher to the North-west parts.

May 31. 13. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of Milton, and passed from port to port from March 1st to May 31, 1581.

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May 31. 14. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of Sandwich and passed from port to port, from the 1st to the 31st of May, 1581, with the quantity shipped under the Dover licence.

May? 15. Estimate of the cost of every ton of timber and iron, to be used in the repair of Dover Haven.

May? 16. Heads of a Commission for repair of Dover Haven. The same in substance as that printed 15 Aug. 1580 (*Vol.* cxli., *No.* 26), but with marginal annotations, and additional corrections and insertions in Lord Burghley's hand.

May? 17. Note of the dilapidations of the See of London, to prove the decays left by Edwin Sandys at his translation to York.

May? 18. Answer of the Archbishop of York to the charge of decays of St. Paul's Church; with the Bishop of London's reply to the same.

May? 19. The Archbishop of Canterbury's defence, with the particularities of the charge of the decays set down by the Bishop of London; with the Bishop of London's reply to the same.

May? 20. *The Bishop of London's allegations touching points at law against both Archbishops, relative to the suit for dilapidations.* Latin.

May? 21. The answers of both Archbishops to the Bishop of London's allegations in points of law. Latin.

May. 22. Statement of the money expended by the Archbishop of York in the necessary charges of housekeeping and other incidents, from the time of his translation from Worcester during his incumbency of the See of London.

May? 23. Observations in matters of fact touching the dilapidations wherewith the Bishop of London chargeth the Archbishops of York and Canterbury.

May? 24. An abstract of the allegations on both sides touching the cause of dilapidations between the Archbishops and the Bishop of London.

May? 25. Reasons to move the Bishop of London to be content to accept a far less sum for dilapidations than the sentence giveth.

May? 26. The answer of the Archbishop of York to the charge of decays happened in the buildings appertaining to the See of London; repair of houses, bridges, &c.; given to the Judges Delegates.

May? 27. Reasons by the Archbishop of York for qualifying the award given against him for dilapidations whilst Bishop of London.

May? 28. The reply of the Archbishop of York to the answer of the Bishop of London made to the reasons of the said Archbishop for the qualifying of the sentence.

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June 1. 29. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of Feversham from the last of April to the first of June next following.

June 1. 30. Certificate of the corn shipped at the port of (Dover) from April 19 to June the first.

June 2. Kidderminster. 31. Commissioners of Musters for Worcestershire to the Earls of Warwick and Leicester and Sir Chr. Hatton. Desiring that the rate at which Edmund Colles was charged might be abated, "being over burdenous for his estate and abilitie."

June 5. Barnstaple. 32. William Lytlestone to Lord Burghley. Sends information of great preparations in Spain, intended for Ireland.

June 6. Serjeants' Inn. 33. Lord Chief Baron Roger Manwood to Walsyngham. Proceedings in the suit between Mr. Woodroffe and M. Benalio, relative to the purchase of certain wool. Justifies the course he has taken in that suit.

June 6? 34. A note concerning the truth of the matter between Robert Woodroff and Jerome Benalio, about a contract and bargain for wools: together with a true declaration of a very covenous practice between Benalio and Humfrey Mercer, whereby Benalio would have beguiled Woodroff of his wools.

June 8. Mile End. 35. Tho. Lord Wentworth to Lord Burghley. Acknowledges his honourable, friendly, and courteous letter, in answer to the proposal for a marriage between his son and Burghley's daughter. Rejoices that his son has made so honourable a choice, and that in this wanton time he was not wantonly disposed. *Incloses,*

35. 1. *Articles to be considered by Lord Wentworth as to the terms on which the proposed marriage should be concerted; with Lord Wentworth's answers to the same, and Burghley's calculations thereon.*

June 10. Durham. 36. Dr. Robert Bellamy, Vice-dean, to Walsyngham. Discusses the question whether the benefit of the deanery for the half year ought to be paid to the assigns and executors of the late Dean, [Dr. Wylson?]. Opposition of Mr. Ralph Leaver: Mrs. Whittingham has, since the Dean's death, thrust herself into possession, under colour of a pretensed lease.

June 11. London. 37. William Overton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to Walsyngham. Has only been able to collect half of the money levied upon the clergy of his diocese for the furnishing of light horses. Has the stubbornest diocese in all this land, and a clergy the most unwilling to show themselves ready and dutiful in any good service, specially if it touch their purse. Opposition of Mr. Sale, who glorifies himself in the favor he found at Court.

June 12. The Court. 38. Sir Tho. Bromley, Lord Chancellor, and the Earl of Leicester to the Students of Christ's Church, Oxford. Directing them to show all due respect and obedience to the orders of the Dean and Chapter, till they could procure new statutes from Her Majesty, their foundress.

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June 12. Kidderminster. 39. The Commissioners for the Subsidy in Worcestershire to the Council. Their proceedings in rating and assessing the subsidy granted by Parliament. Hope the rates assessed will equal their expectations, as from the state of the country they cannot increase and enlarge the same. State the rates at which they have assessed themselves.

June 12. 40. Petition of Alderman Edw. Osborne and Richard Stapers to Walsyngham. State that the bark Rooe, belonging to Fyshe and Browne, had taken two Turkish ships coming out of Smyrna. Desire that if any injury is done to their property by the Turks, in retaliation, the said Fyshe and Browne may be made answerable.

June 14. 41. The Chief Justices, Sir Cristofer Wray and Sir James Dyer, Chief Baron Roger Manwood, John Southcote and William Ayloffe, Judges of the King's Bench, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndam, and William Peryam, and Robert Shute, Second Baron of the Exchequer, to the Council. Giving their opinions touching Sir Walter Waller's protection for indemnity of himself and his sureties from Her Majesty's writs and processes, to be granted out of Her Majesty's courts of justice.

June 16. Fleet Prison. 42. Petition of Michael Lok to the Council. Has been arrested and thrown into the Fleet at the suit of William Burrowes, on account of a ship set forth for the last voyage of Capt. Furbisher. States his services and extreme losses, and is now unable to maintain his great family of 15 children. Prays to be released from prison, and that he may have a *Quietus est* for discharge of his accounts. *Annexes the following papers;—*

42. I. *Answer to certain articles concerning Michael Lok's account, and the voyage of Martin Furbisher. 26th May* 1581.

42. II. *The Account taken at the Muscovy House of the* 200 *weight of ore, molten and tried by Jonas Schutz.*

42. III. *The causes and foundation of the three voyages of Capt. Furbisher.*

42. IV. *The slanderous and untrue informations given by Capt. Furbisher, Tho. Allen, William Burrowe, and Francis Lee, against Michael Lok, Treasurer of the North-west voyages.*

42. V. *The answer of Michael Lok to the aforesaid untrue informations.*

42. VI. *A brief note of all the charges and expenses paid by Michael Lok.*

42. VII. *Reason in account to prove that the Company are at charges of but one in the hundred of their stock.*

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42. VIII. *The humble petitions of Michael Lok to those of the Council which are "Venturers" in the North-west voyages.*

42. IX. *The accompt of Capt. Furbisher, not yet audited.*

42. X. *Memorandum that Capt. Furbisher hath endamaged the Company by his evil service and prodigality.*

42. XI. *The Council to Sir Wm. Wynter and others; authority to freight ships in the name of Michael Lok.* 6 *May*, 1578.

42. XII. *The form of superscription to all the Charterparties of all the ships.* 16 *May* 1578.

42. XIII. *The testimony of the Auditors for the debt of Wm. Burrowe.*

42. XIV. *Commission from the Council to Sir Wm. Wynter, Martin Furbisher, and others, to make the third voyage* 15 *March*, 1577-8.

42. XV. *Edw. Earl of Oxford to the Commissioners for the voyage to Meta Incognita, offering to be an Adventurer therein. The Court*, 21 *May*, 1578.

June 17. London. 43. Wm. Herlle to Sir Walter Mildmay. Has satisfactorily arranged the sale of the fee-farm of the "Raglership" granted to him by the Queen. Desires that order may be taken with Mr. Lynford, who had stayed the payment of his pension in the Exchequer. [*The office of Constable Ragler, co. Cardigan, was granted to Wm. Herlle for life. See ante Vol.* cxliv., *No.* 72.]

June 20. 44. Answer of Edward Pynchon, in the behalf of his mother, to such things as she is charged with (apparel, plate, horses, &c.) by the executors of her late husband.

June 20. Whitehall. 45. The Council to Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham. In favour of Mr. George Frevile, in the controversy between him and Mr. [Robert] Swift and Mr. [Henry] Naunton, prebendaries of Durham, for a lease in reversion of certain lands in Middleham and Auckland.

June 20. Mile End. 46. Lord Wentworth to Lord Burghley. Discusses the terms of the proposed marriage between his son and Burghley's daughter. Hopes he shall be found liberal rather than straitlaced in this matter.

June 21. 47. Articles agreed upon by the Master and Seniors of [Trinity] College, Cambridge, to be confessed by Mr. Medop in his next common-place in the chapel, that by the word of God it is not unlawful for a minister of the church to have a civil office. [*Strype, Ann. III.*, I., *p.* 71, *alludes to this transaction, but states that he knew not the cause.*]

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June 21. 48. Warrant by Edw. Tirrell, Warden of the Fleet, to John Danyell and Ralph Large to apprehend and attach Tho. Webster.

June 23. Cardiff. 49. Thomas Gye to Lord Burghley. Has just returned from Lisbon, and gives intelligence of great preparation of shipping, filled with great ordnance and field pieces, and the report was either for Ireland or Flanders. Two friars of great estimation lately sent into Ireland; and one Fleming, an Irishman well esteemed by the King of Spain and the Pope, is duly expected.

June 23. Mile End. 50. Lord Wentworth to same. Will send for his nephew, Mr. Poley, to draw up the articles of the marriage, and his Auditor to make a perfect book of all his lands.

June 23. Rheims. 51. William Alan, Rector of the English College at Rheims, to the Rector of the English College at Rome. Letters from Robert Parsons in England state that the persecution against the Jesuits and Catholics increases. Sends letters to be presented to the Pope. Books in Latin set forth by Campion. The fruit of his labours shown by there being now 20,000 Catholics more in England than in the preceding year. Latin.

52. Copy of the above.

June 25. The Court. *53. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley at Theobalds.* Hopes his absence will do him more good than all the drugs in Bucklersbury. The Queen is quite recovered. Increase of pirates in the Isle of Wight by negligence of Sir Edw. Horsey's lieutenant. Is sorry for the state of Monsieur's health. Offensive proceedings in Scotland. Arrival of Don Antonio in England, which the Queen fears will excite the revenge of the King of Spain.

June 28. 54. Commissioners for Piracy in Dorsetshire to Walsyngham. Have taken bonds of Adam Simpson, the Scotchman, for his appearance before the Council.

June 29. The Court. 55. Walsynham to Burghley. Sends examination of Mr. Basset, whose wife desires access to him, which has been denied her. The new guest, Don Antonio, arrived last night at Stepney, and for lack of apparel he will not demand audience these two days. Colonel Stewart's brother has been sent into France by the King of Scotland.

June 30. Greenwich. 56. The Council to the Mayor, &c., of Newcastle. Complaint of the wife and children of the late Henry Todd, that the Council's Order for payment of 40*l.* 7*s.* due to Todd, had been treated with contempt by the Mayor and Aldermen.

June 30. 57. Memorandum of provisions and warlike stores for the ship "Gallion Owtred," made by Mr. Secretary's order.

June. 58. Petition of Merchants trading to the Levant to the Council. Complain of the new imposts levied by the State of Venice, upon all English goods and merchandise, to the utter decay of the trade in those parts.

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June? 59. Petition of the Aldermen and Society of the Merchants of the Stillyard in London to the Council. For order to be taken for the speedy renewal of their trade with Hamburg; as the Stedes, their superiors, have signified how and after what sort the English merchants may continue their traffic to that place.

June? 60. Petition of Thomas Fenner to Lord Burghley, to export 500 quarters of wheat from the port of Chichester to Ireland.

June? 61. Copy of the letters written by a priest in the Tower of London to the Catholics in other prisons,—complaining of the cruelty and severity with which they were treated. Application of torture to Ralph Sherwin, Luke Kirby, Thomas Cotton, Skynner, Alex. Brian, Robert Johnson, and others. Latin.

July 1. The Court. 62. Walsyngham to Burghley. Stay in Mr. Stafford's suit. The strange guest (Don Antonio) had audience yesternight. He desires leave to provide himself with ten ships, to conduct him to the Isle of Terceira.

July 4. Mile End. 63. Lord Wentworth to same. Interview with the Earl of Leicester, touching the proposed marriage, who promised to further it, and not yet to make it known to the Queen.

July 7. Greenwich. 64. Walsyngham to same. The Queen has determined to assist Don Antonio with ships; thinks, however, that France will do nothing in his favour. Doubtful policy of Scotland; the Bishop of Glasgow asserting that the young King is inclined to the Catholic religion. News from France. The taking of Breda.

July 9. Cambridge. 65. Dr. Perne, Vice-Chancellor, to same. Thanks for his favours towards St. John's College, especially sending his son Robert Cecill, to their college, who hath shown an example of godly diligence both at sermons and disputations. Hopes he may be permitted to return to Cambridge. Has imparted certain notes to Mr. Skinner.

July 11. Minster in Sheppey. 66. Sir Humphrey Gilberte to Walsyngham. Desires payment of the little sum of money remaining due to him, for service of his three ships in Ireland. Has been reduced to utter want by his losses there. It is a miserable thing that after seven and twenty years' service, he should now be subject to daily arrests, executions, and outlawries, and to sell his wife's clothes from her back. [*A detail of the services of the three ships will be found in the Irish Correspondence, 25 Oct. 1581.*]

July 12. The Court. 67. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has been stayed from visiting him by reason of a quarrel between the Earls of Sussex and Leicester. The cause of the quarrel grew about Havering, and the words of reproach that passed were very bitter. The Queen has commanded both to keep their chambers, and will commit them in case they shall not yield to stand to her order. The Queen is resolved not to restore the Earl of Oxford to full liberty, till

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he has been dealt withal for his wife. [*Burghley remarks in a marginal note, "This is more easyer to be doone than courtyors do "thynk."*]

July 12. 68. Sir F. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Both the Earls have submitted themselves to the Queen's order, and requested licence to retire home to their houses. Her Majesty is not yet resolved what end this cause shall take.

July 14. The Court. 69. Same to same. Has been set to work by the Queen in the examination of certain persons charged to have conspired against Her Majesty's person; they turn out to be runagate priests, bred up at Rome and Douay. The Queen holds on her resolution touching the two Earls. She will not consent to liberate the Earl of Oxford before confronting him with the Lord Henry and Mr. Charles Arundel.

July 14. Lambeth. 70. Wm. Herlle to Philip Sidney. His success with Don John Rodriges de Soza, in obtaining the reprieve of Samuel Biggs, adjudged to die for piracy. Denies receiving any reward for obtaining his reprieve.

July 15. Lambeth. 71. Same to Leicester. Has heard a report of his quarrel with the Earl of Sussex. Desires to inform him personally of the secret judgments which are made thereof, and of the cause of the Queen's visit to the Lord Treasurer. Is desirous to serve abroad. Reprieve of Biggs.

July 20. 72. Presentments of the Jury of the Court of the Manor of Preston in Aylesford, co. Kent, against Tho. Fluet, Stephen Hartropp and Peter Hartropp, for setting up a pair of butts without licence, upon the Common called the Stronde, *alias* Preston Green. Also presentment against Robert Palmer, Richard Hartropp, and others, as trespassers with their cattle upon the same common.

July 22. Dover Castle. 73. Warrant of Wm. Lord Cobham, Lord Warden, to the Bailiff and Jurats of Hastings to arrest John Jeffery, of that town, to appear before his Lieutenant at Dover to answer the complaints of Robert Threele. Latin.

July 27. Holdenby. 74. Francis Flower and Edw. Dodge to Sir Wm. Catesbye. Have sent to Thomas Tresham to know his pleasure for the taking of the fine from Lady Catesby. Desire a day may be fixed for that purpose.

July 29. Chester. 75. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Chester to the Earl of Leicester. Their proceedings in the musters. They have used their utmost endeavours for the better furnishing of the country. Desire that Edw. Cotton, Tho. Winnington, and Mr. Nutter, may be excused.

July 29. 76. Grant in reversion to William Lord Burghley and Robert Earl of Leicester of various lordships, manors, lands, &c., in the

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1581. counties of Sussex, Norfolk, Lincoln, York, Kent, and Essex, previously granted to Gregory Fienes Lord Dacre and Anne his wife and the heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten. Latin.

[July.] 77. Note of flax, hemp, tallow, and other stores shipped at the Narve in Sweden, on account of Mr. Thomas Allen, for the Queen's Majesty's use.

[July.] 78. State of the case between George Closse and Alex. Southwick as to right of incumbency of the Vicarage of Cuckfield. Fraudulent proceedings of Geo. Closse. *Annexed,*

78. I. *Certificate under the hand of John Incent, the Registrar of Chichester, of two Acts passed by Dr. Wm. Awbrey, relative to the induction of Geo. Closse into the Vicarage of Cuckfield.*

79. Reasons why an appeal should not be permitted to George Closse, in support of his induction into the Vicarage of Cuckfield already held by Alex. Southwike.

80. Another paper of causes why Closse should not have his appeal in the above case.

July? 81. Names of divers recusants, jesuits, and priests, committed,—Dr. Watson, Dr. Yonge, Edmond Campion, Richard Creagh "the Irishe Bushoppe," Jas. Bosgrave, Ralph Sherwyn, Nicholas Roscarrock, and others.

July? 82 Another list, nearly the same as the above.

83. Another list, containing some of the same names, and the prisons to which they are committed.

July? 84. Secret advertisements touching the dealings of the Papists. Their practices against the Protestants abroad to make them revolt from their faith. List of the English refugees at Rome. Device for procuring intelligence. One Pounde, a priest, coming to England from Rome. Names of persons, fit instruments for that purpose. Prevalence of papistry in the legal profession in England. [*Thos. Pounde was committed to the Tower* 14 *Aug.* 1581. *Co. Reg.*]

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Aug. 2. Ruthin. 1. J[enkin?] Lloyd to the Earl of Leicester. Has received his letter by the bearer Henry Ball, and sent his man to the hills within Yale, where he found certain workmen appointed by Elice Wynne and Tho. Powell, who refused to quit their wrok.

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Aug. 7. Hastings. 2. Return of the Bailiff and Jurats of Hastings to Lord Cobham. That John Jeffery, cited to answer for certain contempts, was not to be found in that town.

Aug. 7. 3. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Chester to the Earl of Liecester. Have excused Ellen Wynnyngton, widow, from furnishing a light horse, on account of her inability, having settled 20*l.* upon her son Wm. Carington.

Aug. 10. Chester. 4. Wm. Byrd, Mayor, and Wm. Glaseor to Lord Burghley. Are not able to procure so much as six fodders of lead for service in Ireland. Request a grant of the lead of the chancel of St. John's Church, which they would sell to re-edify that church, and could then furnish Her Majesty with the lead required.

Aug. 15. Croydon. 5. Edmund Grindal, Archbp. of Canterbury, to Leicester. Death of (Tho. Willoughby) Dean of Rochester. Recommends Dr. John Coldwell may be appointed to succeed him. State of his own health: his appetite very weak and his eyesight so dim and dull that he can scarcely read or write.

Aug. 18. Bosworth. 6. Francis Hastings to same. Himself and Mr. Stokes have searched the house of Mrs. Beamont. Their authority hardly large enough to put the parties on oath. Names of other papists whose houses ought to be searched; as Mr. Smith of Ashby, whose wife is most obstinately settled in popery. Urges his suit for the reversion of Newarke Grange.

Aug. 20. Mile End. 7. Lord Wentworth to Burghley. Returns the articles mutually agreed upon relative to the marriage, and approves of the additional articles touching the saving of dower to Burghley's daughter.

Aug. 21. Woburn. 8. Earl of Bedford to Walsyngham. Recommends the suit of the inhabitants of Bedford for uniting the two parishes into one.

Aug. 25. 9. Note of what gold remaineth in Her Majesty's receipt of the Exchequer, as well in bullion as in foreign coins, amounting to 37,432*l.* 0*s.* 6¾*d.*

Aug. 25. 10. Similar statement of gold bullion, with addition of the current money of the realm, amounting in the whole to 197,062*l.* 7*s.* 3¼*d.*

Aug. ? 11. Abstracts of the certificates relating to the breed and increase of horses furnished by several shires: showing the differences between their first and second certificates.

Aug. ? 12. Petition of Robert Witter, of Liverpool, to Walsyngham. States his losses at sea by the French, and seizure of his ship in Scotland. Prays for letters to the King of Scots for restitution, and recompense for his losses.

Sept. 11. The Fleet. 13. [ ] to Mr. Driden. Is determined to let him have a lease of Hodnell and the other grounds he had of Mr. Dymocke, upon certain unusual conditions.

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Sept. 13. Greenwich. 14. Lord Hunsdon to the Earl of Leicester. Informs him of the arrival of two Counts, the one is John of Emden and the other Count Waldek, on a visit to the Queen. Has informed Her Majesty in what state the game is about Wanstead, and what hunting there is both in Havering and the Forest; wherewith she is greatly offended.

Sept. 28. "Lambythe." 15. Wm. Herlle to R. Huddilston. Will lend him the curious book "Le secrett des Finances de France." Walsyngham has returned; but his negotiation is kept secret. Anjou presses for the marriage out of personal affection alone, and is coming to England. The Queen is at Nonsuch, Leicester at Kenilworth, Burghley at Theobalds, and Walsyngham at Barn Elms. Don Antonio is still at Dover, detained by contrary winds. "There is treason prepared "in France for him, but he is obstinately bewitched to his evident "ruin."

Sept. 29. Cambridge. 16. Dr. Andrew Perne, Vice Chancellor, and Doctors Byng and Legge, to Lord Burghley. Have entered into examination of the state of Bennet College, in which it had been left by Thomas Aldridge, the late master, and as it is now under Dr. Norgate. Many particulars detailed. *Inclosing,*

16. 1. *Statement of the receipts and expenditure of Bennet College, and of its ordinary revenues, from Michaelmas* 1573, *when Aldridge left it, till Michaelmas* 1580.

Sept. 29. 17. A true certificate of such corn or grain, beer, and other victuals as hath passed from port to port, or for the parts beyond the seas, from the port of Southampton, from Easter till Michaelmas, 1581.

Sept. 30. London. 18. Sir John Branche, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to the Council. Separate Companies of the White Bakers and the Brown Bakers; and the Common Council think it right they should remain so. Objections to the new incorporation making them one Company. Request that their own authority for regulating the assize of bread within the city might be continued.

Sept. 19. Petition of Walter Sutton, Vicar of Longstoke, in diocese of Winchester, to the Council; against Robert Dowce, for refusing to pay part of his tythes or deliver four quarters of corn, annually payable to the vicar by the farmers or occupiers of the parsonage granary of Longstoke.

Sept. 20. Brief declaration of the Accompts of the fines and amerciaments taxed by the Council in the Marches of Wales, for five years ending at Michaelmas, 1581.

Sept. 21. The names of the Posts laid by order of the Lord Treasurer and Sir Fr. Walsyngham, between the Court and Hollyhead, the last of September; being then paid for all service done until that time.

Sept. 22. Note of commodities and naval stores brought out of the East Countries used in furnishing of Her Majesty's ships.

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Sept.? 23. Brief note of certain articles delivered by Tho. Fenner against John Young, customer of Rye, concerning great offences done by him in the course of his office, with a most pitiful abuse of cozenage at dice, to the overthrow of many.

Oct. 3. 24. Information by George Warre, taken at Cirencester, county of Gloucester, against Arnold Hoare, suspected to be in connection with Vaughan the pirate, who robbed him of his goods at sea, and then sailed away to Padstow.

Oct. 4. Cambridge. 25. Dr. John Still, Master, and the Seniors of Trinity College, to Lord Burghley. Explain the reasons which induced them to deprive Mr. Medop. The opinions promulgated by him tend to produce discord in the college. Latin.

Oct. 4. 26. Report by the Master and Seniors of Trinity College of their proceedings against Mr. Medop, and of their resolution that he was guilty of two crimes, the one of *pertinacia*, the other of defending *perversum dogma*.

Oct. 4. 27. Report by Mr. Medop of the proceedings against him by the Master and Seniors of Trinity College. Articles proposed for recantation of his opinion, that it was unlawful for a minister to have a civil office. His reasons why he could not pronounce such recantations in the terms required.

Oct. 4. 28. Copy of the above.

Oct. 4? 29. Opinion of Mr. Medop, that in the case of foreign embassy it was lawful for an ecclesiastic to hold such office.

Oct. 4? 30. Copy of the above.

Oct. 6. Mile End. 31. Mr. William Wentworth to Lord Burghley. The Earl of Leicester has imparted to him what passed in his interview with Lord Cheyne on his behalf, in this journey of Kenilworth. Lord Cheyne was favourable to his suit, but Leicester had found Lady Cheyne very strange.

Oct. 7? 32. Questions to be ministered to the Aldermen of the Stillyard as to the decree lately made at Lubeck, and the new impositions laid upon English subjects and restrictions by the decree of Hamburg on the traffic into the Hanse Towns.

Oct. 7? 33. Copy of the above.

Oct. 7? 34. Requests by the Aldermen of the Stillyard, that it may please Her Majesty and the Lords of the Council to suspend the decrees heretofore made, liberty of trade, &c., suspension of the new impost of 7¾ per cent., &c.

Oct. 8. Barnes. 35. Robert Beale to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has had an interview with the Governor and Company of the Merchant Adventurers, touching the petition of the Merchants of the Stillyard. Incloses a letter from my Lady of Bedford.

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Oct. 8? 36. Petition of the Merchants and Citizens of Chester to the Council. Desiring certain liberties and immunities to be granted them for the finishing of their harbour, particularly for a licence to export yearly 500 tuns of beer, and to have letters of marque against certain towns of France.

Oct. 8? 37. Further requests of the Merchants and Citizens of Chester to the Council: similar in some points to the preceding.

Oct. 8. 38. Minute of the petitions of the Merchants and Citizens of Chester, for relief of their poor estate, decayed by shipwrecks and spoils at sea; with the answers to be returned to the same.

Oct. 9. The Court. 39. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Recommends the bearer, Mr. Medop, who desires to retain his fellowship in Trinity College, till his cause shall be determined by his lordship.

Oct. 13. Isle of Wight. 40. Sir Edw. Horsey to Walsyngham. Rejoices at his healthful and safe return. Certain ships have lately departed for the Terceiras, for the service of Don Antonio, under Mr. Henry Knolles as General. John Story has taken one Fludd, a pirate. Desires the leases of certain farms may be renewed to David Urrey, John Dore, and himself.

Oct. 14. Richmond. 41. The Queen to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Warrant to fit out such ships and barks as he shall think sufficient for the apprehension of pirates, who had robbed and spoiled the inhabitants of Rye, in the passage between that town and Dieppe.

Oct. 17. Tansley. 42. Sir Richard Knightley to Leicester. Sends the answer of the Bishop of Lichfield touching the stipend to be allowed to Mr. King, in which he ever distrusted the Bishop's liberality. Hopes Leicester may make many such good journeys as this last was. *Incloses,*

42. 1. *Bishop Overton to Sir Rich. Knightley. Will give Mr. King a licence to preach in his own diocese, but to be a reader in Tosseter* [*Towcester?*] *in the diocese of Peterborough, is another case. Will, however, contribute* 40*s. a year towards his stipend. Eccleshall Castle,* 12 *Sept.* 1581.

Oct. 19 The Court. 43. Earl of Sussex to Charles Arundel. Difficulty of advising in hunting matters; the truth will be known. The Queen is informed of his going to Petworth; but he never heard her name any person to whom he went. Is willing to serve him, and will do what in honour he can with Sir Henry Radclyffe.

Oct. 23. 44. Receipt by John Yeomans, of Lyons Inn, for the sum of 20*l.* of Wm. Chibnall, servant of Sir Wm Catesby, in part payment of the sum of 100*l.*

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Oct. 24. London. 45. Sir John Branche, Lord Mayor, to the Council. Indictments have been found against such persons as have erected buildings within the City, in contempt of Her Majesty's proclamation. *Incloses,*

45. 1. *Copy of the indictments found by the Grand Jury against such as have erected new buildings in the city of London contrary to the proclamation.*

Oct. 25? 46. An offer made by A. B. touching the decayed haven of Dover, which, if well liked of, the said A. B. will then set down his uttermost price.

[Oct. 25.] 47. Further offers by A. B. for the repair of Dover Haven, according to the plat herewith exhibited; stating the cost in round numbers, and the privileges to be granted.

Oct. 25. Cambridge. 48. Dr. Perne, Vice-Chancellor, and the Heads of Colleges in Cambridge, to Lord Burghley. Against the attempt of the townsmen to have the appointment of three vintners. Latin.

Oct. 25. 49. Examinations and confessions taken at Padstow concerning John Piers, the pirate, before Sir Rich. Greynevile, Thomas Roscarrock, and George Greynevyle.

Oct. 25. 50. List of the names and ages of some of the better sort and of most credit of the town of Padstow, examined (before the above) whether they know or ever heard that Anne Piers, of Padstow, did practise witchcraft, or had the name to be a witch.

Oct. 27. Highgate. 51. Lord Henry Howard to Leicester. It having pleased God to incline the princely heart of his gracious Sovereign to pity his restraint, he desires Leicester to forget his old disliking to him, and to admit him into his friendship, to banish all the relics of his former misconceit, and, according to the discipline of Athens, to begin a fresh account.

Oct. 30. 52. The Queen to the Town of Cambridge, commanding them in nowise to interrupt or intermeddle in the licensing or punishing of any victuallers and tipplers within the liberties of the University. With copy of the charter of King Richard II., conferring those privileges. [*See also July* 1, 1564.]

Oct. 53. Remembrances of business to be attended to for the University of Cambridge.

Oct. 54. Account of the remain of the chested money and bullion and payments made to the last of October, 1581. To Lord Henry Seymour 15,000*l.* and the like sum to Sir. Fr. Walsyngham. [*See also March* 24, 1582.]

Oct. 55. Declaration relative to the capture of a ship named "the Sonday of Chester," belonging to William Rattcliffe, of Chester, off the coast of Spain, by pirates.

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1581. Oct? 56. Number of lances and light horse showed at the musters in the counties of Sussex, Surrey, Lincoln, Rutland, and Nottingham.

Oct. 57. Petition of William Nicholas to Sir F. Walsyngham. Desires letters to the King of Scotland for the restoration of the ship, the White Hart, and her cargo, seized in the Isle of Mull by Lachlan McLane of the Out-Isles of Scotland, some of their men slain and cast to the dogs to be devoured.

Nov. 7. Almer. 58. Thomas Viscount Bindon to Leicester. Desires instructions how to proceed with two men, William Hilliarde and Walter Patye, arrested for transporting stolen horses. Patye knows a great number of horse stealers.

Nov. 7. Lambeth. 59. William Herlle to same. Has means to decipher the Spanish Ambassador's actions. The Ambassador's secret means for conveying intelligence beyond seas by a woman, the letters hanging from the woman's waist, next her skin, downwards. The Ambassador dare not negotiate with Her Majesty or the Council before he be first well shriven, absolved, and holy watered, and he has 100,000*l.* to his credit to corrupt instruments for intelligence. Upon Monsieur's coming he breathes nothing else but hot passions of threatenings of wars and revenge.

Nov. 8? 60. Same to same? Suggests that he should inform the Queen about the Spanish actions; it might do him good. Solicits his lordship to make some end of his suit with Wade.

Nov. 12. Middle Temple. 61. John Popham, Att. General, to Walsyngham. Examinations of Jane, wife of William Gryffyth, and of Ambrose and John Gryffyth, touching the resort of Campion and Parsons to their house. Wm. Gryffyth was in the house when it was beset by Mr. Blount, yet was not discovered. Desires instructions how to proceed.

Nov. 16? 62. Note of such buildings and reparations as have been done in Windsor Castle in the 22d and 23d years of Her Majesty's reign: "first, a new roof made unto the chamber where the Maydes of "Honnor do lye." [*See ante, Vol.* cxxxvi., *No.* 83, *where the Maids of Honor desire to have their chamber ceiled, and the partition made higher, "for that their servants look over."*]

Nov. 17. Holt Castle. 63. Edw. Hughes, receiver of North Wales, to Burghley. Has paid 400*l.* to the Mayor of Chester and George Beverley for new provision for Ireland, and will pay them 100*l.* more as soon as he can. Has also paid 40*l.* to Mr. Bostock for the old Shire Hall, delivered afterwards to Richard Spencer for building the new Exchequer in Chester Castle.

Nov. 19. Salisbury. 64. James Procter to Walsyngham. At the suit of his wife, sister of Daniel Rogers, who being sent on Her Majesty's affairs beyond seas, was now a prisoner in those parts. His ill treatment in prison.

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Nov. 21. 65. Certificate by Morrys Pykeringe, keeper of the Gatehouse, of all things that have been given and sent to the prisoners that be in there for matters of religion, consisting principally of provisions, pheasants, poultry, mutton, mutton pies, pudding pies, &c.

Nov. 22. Fleet Prison. 66. Sir Tho. Tresame, prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council. His submission and contrition for the contempt offered to Her Majesty. Desires their mediation to the Queen for pardon. States his extreme unwillingness to take any oaths, not from disloyalty, but from an earnest conviction in conscience to the contrary.

Nov. 26. 67. —— to ——. Rejoices in the advancement and exaltation of brother C[ampion] and his fellows. He had looked for this end of his disputation. God will judge his impertinent and malicious witnesses. There be men in the world which drink blood as easily as beasts do water. He knows Campion will protest his pure innocency at his death. Reflections on the state of the Catholic cause, with verses beginning—

"The Crosse appeares, Christ doth approche,
A comfort to us all."

Indorsed—"A letter from a Jesuit upon Campion's condemnation. Anno 1581. *Anonymous."*

Nov. 26. 68. Note of all such sums of money as have been already answered into the receipt of the Exchequer, as well of the 15ths and 10ths granted in the 23rd year of Her Highness's reign, as also of the subsidy granted the same year, until the 26th of November, 1851.

Nov. 27. Bridgenorth. 69. Order of the Council of the Marches of Wales on the case of Roger Gibbes, convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury, against Michael Vayne, *alias* Lister, upon the information of Kennard Dalabere, Esq.

Nov. 27. Mile End. 70. Lord Wentworth to Burghley (?). Thanks for his letters relative to the decision of the suit between him and Mr. Hyde. Desires him not to rely implicitly on the opinion of the Lord Chief Baron, as he has always dealt unfriendly towards him. Particulars of the case.

(Nov. ?) 71. Account of Charges for salaries and wages of the Officers and Artificers employed at Windsor Castle, at the time of Her Majesty being there, after the works were done.

Nov. ? 72. Verses concerning Edward Campion, beginning—

"Campian is a champion,
Him once to overcumme,
The rest be well drest,
The sooner to mumme."

Nov. ? 73. Christopher Hagenbuck and partners, to the Queen and Council. Device for the establishment of a Bank in England. Italian.

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Nov. 74. Certificate by W. Dyos, keeper of Newgate, of the names of the Recusants in Newgate, in London, viz., Roger Wakeman, Lawrence Richardson, Richard Lewes, Faith Arnold, Robert Lewes, and Wm. Druet; the two last being "of ye precise sort."

Nov.? 75. Account of the receipt and expenditure of Christ's Hospital, London, from Michaelmas, 1578, to Michaelmas, 1581, inclusive; the number of children amounting to 530 in the latter year.

Nov.? 76. The humble petition of the Earl of Huntingdon to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, for her gracious favour to be extended towards him in the causes of difference between him and Lord Montjoy. The Earl's offers, to enable Lord Montjoy to come to a speedy trial.

Nov.? 77. Note from the Lieutenant of the Tower, concerning Tho. Bristowe, Henry Orton, Thomas Cottam, Luke Kirkbye, and other priests in his custody, desiring they may be transferred to some other prison.

Dec. 1. 78. Indenture between Tho. Randolfe, George Carleton, Thomas Cotton, and Cotton Gargrave, of the first part, the Earl of Huntingdon, in the second part, and Ric. Branthwayt and Richard Poley, on the third part, for assignment to the latter of the Alum and Copperas Works, called Okemans House, in the Manor of Canford, co. Dorset.

Dec. 1. 79. The opinion of the Lord Chief Justice, Sir Chr. Wray, and the Master of the Rolls, Sir Gilbert Gerard, relative to the charter of the Merchants of Chester.

Dec. 1. 80. John Hart, priest, and prisoner in the Tower, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Being in hopes of pardon, proposes to employ himself by means of his intimacy with Dr. Allen, to discover all his designs, and to know the very secrets of his whole heart, if it were possible.

Dec. 1. Ivy Bridge. 81. Lord Henry Howard to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires him to protect his loyalty from the continual practice of his bitter enemies. Has heard of a fresh attempt to undermine his liberty, and had been menaced that rods were preparing for him.

Dec. 10. Dover. 82. John Garret, mayor of Dover, and Richard Barrey, Lieut. of Dover Castle, to same. Reparation of five rods of the old pier finished. Suggest that the Flemish workmen, for the present year, might be discharged.

Dec. 13. 83. John Raynoldes, Recorder of Thetford, to the Council. Contemptuous manner in which their letters for the quieting of himself in the recordership had been received by the Mayor and Wm. Davye the factious burgess. *Incloses,*

83. 1. *Bishop Freke and Sir Drue Drurye to Lord Keeper Bromley. Report their proceedings on hearing the contro-*

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versies between the Mayor of Thetford and the Recorder. Factious conduct of Davye and one Walsingham. Norwich, Sept. 15, 1577.

83. II. *Objections against Thos. Allen, Mayor of Thetford, William Davy, and others of that town. Outrageous conduct against the Recorder there. Their threat to surrender their charter.*

83. III. *Form of the oath taken by the Mayor of Thetford.*

Dec. 16. Bridgewater. 84. Commissioners for restraint of grain in Somersetshire to the Council. State their opinion that the produce of the three last years, being so small, no corn could be spared towards the serving of a licence for reparation of Dover Haven; the best wheat being in some markets as high as 4*s.* the bushel.

Dec. 17. Wilton. 85. Philip Sidnei to Walsyngham. Sends his humble salutations, and beseeches him to favour the bearer, "because belonging to my "brother Robert, a yonger brother of so yongeli a fortuned famili "as the Sidneis, he is more stored with discourses then monei."

Dec. 17. The Poultry. 86. Wm. Parry to the Council. Solicits protection against the extreme measures of Hugh Hare in contempt of the Council's orders. Has deserved better of his Prince and country than to be thus tormented by a cunning and shameless usurer. *Incloses,*

86. I. *Certificate of the unfair dealing of Hugh Hare against Wm. Parry. Names of Parry's sureties.*

Dec. 18. 87. Note of the stone, as well hewn as unhewn, remaining at Folkstone for the repair of Dover Haven; taken by Wm. Hunt, clerk there.

Dec. 21. Exeter. 88. Commissioners for restraint of grain in Devonshire to the Council. Certify that no corn can be spared out of that county, towards a licence of forty thousand quarters, for the repair of Dover Haven.

Dec. 23. London. 89. William Davison to Lady Mason. Has been bold to trouble Mr. Vice Chamberlain in the naming of a young son born on Monday last; and though it is against custom in these cases to ask the husband and wife together, yet he and his wife both entreat her Ladyship to join with his Honour and her good nephew, Sir Thomas Shurley, in doing them that favour. [*Davison married Katherine Spelman, Lady Mason's grand-daughter.*]

Dec. 27. Blackfriars. 90. Lord Cobham to Mr. Recorder Fletewood. Sends some papers, with directions to examine the persons mentioned in the same.

Dec. 29. Westminster. 91. The Queen to Sir F. Walsyngham, Keeper of the Privy Seal for the time being. Authority to issue a warrant to the Treasurer of the Exchequer to deliver and pay 15,000*l.* to Horatio Palavicino, to be employed in the Queen's service.

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Dec.? 92. Remembrances for Dover Haven, and for the works necessary to be done there the next spring; the mouth of the haven to be opened: provision of materials for the works: the stone at Folkestone, hewed and squared, to be brought to Dover.

Dec. 93. Note of the salaries and allowances of Admirals and other officers of the navy.

Dec. 94. Certificate signed Anthony Thorp, keeper, of the names of the recusants in the White Lion, Southwark.

95. A collection of the names of such persons in several dioceses, as have any children or others belonging to them, that now remain in the parts beyond seas: distinguishing the counties, the names of the parties abroad, the names of the parents, the time they have been absent, and of the places of their abode.

96. Estimate of the charges for furnishing the galleon Ughtred of 400 tons, and of the Edward Bonaventure of 250 tons, sent to sea under charge of Mr. Fenton and Luke Ward: with the names of the adventurers, and how much they adventure: the Earl of Leicester being the first and principal adventurer with the sum of 2,200*l.*; next Mr. Ughtred, for 800*l.*, and the next Sir Francis Drake, for 663*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

97. Petition of William Killingtree, Mayor, and others, aldermen of King's Lynn, complaining of the factious conduct of John Pell, Jeffrey Pell, his son, and their associates, who stirred up dissention, discord, and almost rebellion in the town, by slanderous libels and rhymes against the petitioners and the pious and godly ministers Mr. [Wm.] Sanderson and Mr. Leedes, who lived in fear of bodily harm.

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1. Suit of Edward Earl of Rutland to the Queen for grant of privileges and liberties within the Honour of Belvoir, the Manor of Croxton, the Abbey of Rivaulx, and the commandry of the Eagle, which his grandfather received in exchange from King Henry VIII. for the Manor of Enfield, Middlesex; the Castle and Manor of Chilham, co. Kent; and the Manor of Shingleford, co. Essex: together with other privileges, as a market at Bottisford, &c. Certified by John Popham to be such liberties as have been granted to divers noblemen in times past.

2. Names of the Commissioners of Musters in several shires.

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3. Names of additional Commissioners for Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

4. Names of Counties not under the Lieutenants, for the furnishing of lances and light horse.

5. Maliverey Catilin to Walsyngham. Secret intelligence of a most dangerous person, who brought Adams, the priest, into England; and who brought over with him three Agnus Dei, and certain jewels of Edmond Campion's. Chapman, a priest, landed near Portsmouth.

6. "Booke of Customes" — containing several detached papers relating to customs and the public revenue. An estimate of the custom and subsidy due to Her Majesty at the several ports for the last eleven years ending 23 Eliz. Several papers by John Johnson for reformation of abuses in the customs. Customs exacted in Spain and Portugal. Articles to be granted by patent to the office of Surveyor of Customs, with a drawing of the mark or stamp to be put upon all goods passed by him.

7. Petition of John Mansfelde to the Council. Prays that the depositions taken by *Dr. Dale* in proof of his articles exhibited against *Lane, Hampton*, and *others*, may be published.

8. Sir Walter Mildmay's request on behalf of his son, against the unjust attempts of John Talbot to deprive his son's wife of the manors allotted to her by her father, Sir Henry Sharrington.

9. Petition of Philip Gualterotti and his creditors to the Council and other the Commissioners appointed for payment of Sir Tho. Gresham's debts. Desire that order may be taken for payment of the money lent by them to Sir Thomas, being 450*l.*, which together with the interest amounts to about 1,000 marks.

10. Relation of the proceedings of John Worsley and William Newall, messengers of the Chamber, in searching the houses of Mr. Seborne and Richard Abbington in Herefordshire, Thomas Abbington of Worcester, "whose house was as fit to harbour a priest as "any is in England," and Thomas Lygon's house in Gloucestershire.

11. Names of certain Recusants, and of the places where they remain in and about the city of London, "or are to be com by "uppon warninge."

12. Information by William Browne against one Shawe, who had connived at the escape of one Gryffen, Mr. John Draycott's man. Desires a warrant for the apprehending of Robert Colier, Mrs. Agnes Colier his wife, Mr. John Draycott, and others, aiders of priests and papists.

13. Note of the charge of 100 men-at-arms and 300 footmen for three months.

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14. Suggestion for a commission to inquire into the return of arms and armour furnished to soldiers for service in Ireland; many having returned home without either money or armour.

15. Order to be observed in the appointment of Admirals and Captains in Her Majesty's navy.

16. Petition of Martin [or John] Furbisher to the Queen. Has been unable to obtain possession of the lease granted to him by Her Majesty five years previously. Desires to be employed in her present service, or to receive some relief. [*This has two indorsements, one with the name Martin, the other with the name John.*]

17. Petition of Isabel Frobusher, "the most miserable poor wo-"man in the world," to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Complains that Captain Frobusher ("whome God forgeve") had spent all the money left to her and her children by Tho. Riggat, her first husband, and hath put them all to the wide world to shift, and that she and her children's children are ready to starve. Desires order may be taken with one Mr. Kempe for the payment of 4*l.*, or that she may receive some relief till Frobusher's return.

18. Petition of William Wayte to the Council. Desires that his brother Henry may be called to answer for having defeated an entail of certain lands made by Henry Wayte, their deceased father.

19. The effect of the matter now in controversy between the Queen's Majesty and Robert Monson, Esq., touching the inheritance of John Monson, the Queen's ward. Title of Robt. Monson, second son of William Monson, deceased.

20. The Council to Sir Tho. Cotton, Sir Wm. Gorge, Sir Francis Drake, and others. Directions to proceed to Chatham, and survey the state of the Queen's ships there remaining.

Oct. 21. Articles collected by Tho. Salisburie, of Gedleston, in the county of Hertford, against Henry Chauncie, Edward and Geo. Chauncie his sons, and William Whyskens, accusing them of seditious practices in favouring popery, concealing a chest full of seditious, idolatrous, and popish trash, maintenance of Richard Golding, a papist, &c.

Oct. 22. Statement addressed to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, against granting Mr. Ellyot's petition for a licence to transport ordnance. Proposes a commission to be appointed for the better prevention of the transportation of ordnance, and how the same may be rendered profitable to Her Majesty.

23. Robert Barnard to Sir Fr. Walsynham. Desires to receive some remittance, as he had not been paid for three months, and now is in debt 4*l.*, for which he is threatened with prison. Is in full credit with the Papists, and has access to all the prisons in London.

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24. Certificate of warlike furniture provided by the clergy within the diocese of Lincoln; with exception of the Bishop of Lincoln and the clergy of Leicestershire.

25. A proportion of victuals for 6,000 men for six months.

26. Note for the victualling of 600 men to the seas, for one, two, or three months.

27. Petition of certain justices of Cornwall to the Council. In the behalf of the town of St. Tyes, [St. Ives ?] for renewal of patents for the erection of a new pier there, and to make collections for that purpose.

28. Petition of the Mayor, &c., of Canterbury, to the Council. For a grant of "all fines and forfeitures upon persons refusing to "come to church, &c.," and for "the benefit of all licences for ale-"house, and tippling-houses, and the forfeitures upon the same, for "the purpose of maintaining the navigation of the river there."

29. The Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the town of Tewkesbury, to the Earl of Leicester. For licence to transport corn into any part of the realm; and to hold a market every Wednesday for cattle, wool, and yarn, as they have already for grain and other things.

30. Note of the lands and tenements given by the last will and testament of Sir William Cordell, deceased, to Sir Tho. Bromley, Sir Wm. Cecill Lord Burghley, and others, to the behalf and maintenance of a hospital or alms-house in Suffolk for certain poor people, there lately erected by the said Sir William Cordell.

31. Petition of Edith Bulman to the Queen, to be restored to certain copyhold lands in Dorset, from the possession of which she had been expelled with great violence by Walter Busshell and others.

32. Presentments against John Jones for violent and outrageous behaviour, breaking the peace, beating the constables and other officers, abusing the clergy, drinking, dicing, brawling, quarrelling, scoffing, loitering, swearing, &c.

33. Memorial of Alderman Edw. Osborne, Ric. Staper, and Wm. Harebrowne, on behalf of the Turkey Company, urging that the expence of sending out a new ambassador to Turkey ought not to fall on their company.

34. Articles by Sir Edw. Osborne, Sir Geo. Barns, Thomas Cordell, and many others, merchants of the companies trading to Turkey and Venice, to be incorporated into one body by the name of Merchants of Levant.

35. Considerations why the transport of white and coloured cloths unwrought, by virtue of the Earl of Cumberland's patent, should not be permitted to any persons but such as are of the Company of Merchant Adventurers, except to strangers who pay double custom.

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36. Petition of Francisco Farnandus, of the town of Viana in Portugal, to the Council. Prays for restitution to be made by Mr. Henry Witteredge for the ship and goods belonging to him, captured by a pirate off Newfoundland.

37. Names of the Captains remaining about the Court and the city of London.

38. "A Brief Discourse of the corruptions, imperfections, and "great deceipts used in and about the making of beer, vinegar, "bere-eger, ale-eger, lickour for mustard, aqua composita, and aqua "vitæ." Suit of Tho. Brigham and others for a grant for the sole manufacture of such articles.

39. The order made betwixt the Clerk of the Court of Wards (?) and the Auditor, as to the practice of keeping the accounts.

40. A true report of the case between one Colman and John Walton, for a matter of debt. Factious conduct of the said Walton.

41. Names of certain noblemen and gentlemen in the counties of Hertford, Middlesex, Bedford, and Huntingdon, probably Commissioners of Musters.

42. Interrogatories to be demanded of Charles Arundel and [Lord] Henry Howard. The combination made at certain suppers in Fish [Fleet Street?] Street, and at my Lord of Northumberland's. Growing importance of the King of Scots and the Duke of Guise. Conversation with George Gyfford. Objections to the Queen's marriage with Monsieur. Meeting with Jesuits, &c. [*Imperfect ?*]

43. Answers by Charles Arundel to the above. Denies being at any suppers in Fleet Street or elsewhere, where any combination hath been; or of hearing any speeches of the King of Scots or Duke of Guise, &c. Answers to nineteen articles.

44. A brief answer by Charles Arundel to my Lord of Oxford's slanderous accusations. As to his hearing mass celebrated by a Jesuit; exhibiting a book of painted pictures of prophecy; bringing a Jesuit to see the Queen dance in her Privy Chamber, &c.; with Arundel's answers.

45. A true declaration, by Charles Arundel, of the Earl of Oxford's detestable vices and impure life. "To reporte at large all the vices of "this monsterous Earell were a labor withoute ende." His falsehood; details of three notable lies: a most notorious drunkard, and very seldom sober; guilty of unnatural offences; his detestable practices of horrid murders, and quarrel with and intention to murder Mr. Philip Sidney; and lastly, his horrible and detestable blasphemy.

46. Further detail, by Arundel, of Oxford's ill will towards himself, Lord Henry Howard, and Mr. Southwell. Details of his ordinary use of a lie, of his perjury, of his mercenary habits, of his butcherly bloodiness, of his dangerous practices, of his dishonesty of

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life and unnatural propensities, of his drunkenness, and his undutiful dealings to the Queen; railing at Francis Southwell for commending her singing one night at Hampton Court. "Protesting by the "blud of God that she had the worst voyce, and did everye thinge "w^t the worst grace that ever any woman did."

47. Interrogatories to be administered to Charles Arundel, consisting of twenty-six articles. His combination with Lord Howard and Francis Southwell; communications with Jesuits; hearing mass; offers made to the Earl of Oxford by Monsieur, &c.

48. Answers by Ch. Arundel to the above.

49. Articles by Ch. Arundel against the Earl of Oxford. His derogatory conduct relative to the Queen, irreverence of the Scriptures, attempts to murder Leicester, his commendation of Dr. Sanders and Lord Baltinglas, his unnatural crimes.

50. Articles whereof the Earl of Oxford would have accused the Earl of Leicester,—extensively fortifying Kenilworth under the colour of making the Queen sport with fire works; that he boasted of greatness and alliance and influence with the Queen, and was able to make the proudest subject sweat that would oppose him, &c.

51. Copies of letters, from Charles Arundel, one apparently to Walsyngham thanking him for his friendship; the other to a lady, detailing at great length the condition and circumstances of himself and his friends. The present cause of his detention was a supplication presented to the Queen by Leicester from the Earl of Oxford. Understands by common report of the lady's disgrace and banishment.

52. Same to [Walsyngham?] His monstrous adversary Oxford, since his coming out of trouble, accuses him of a libel against his honour. Prays him to suspend his judgment. Indignantly denies Oxford's malignant slanders.

53. Same to [Walsyngham?] Has received comfort by his last message and desires his aid and favor to procure him a speedy trial. Hopes the Queen will show him as much favor, as she hath lately granted in behalf of his monstrous adversary Oxford, a person convicted of great beastliness.

54. Same to . Thanks for his favor and friendly disposition. Is willing, under certain conditions, to enter into correspondence and to act with him in affairs in which they are mutually concerned.

55. Same to . Is desirous to make use of him in a matter of some importance. Has to pay away and dispose of a round sum of money by direction of his brother; but many of the parties being in the country, he applies to him to advance a few hundred pounds to be paid to the bearer.

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56. Charles Arundel to Mr. Darseye. Has performed his late request to the utmost of his power. Advises him to make proof of the good will of certain persons before he trusts them too far.

57. Articles by Lord Henry Howard against the Earl of Oxford. His atheism; his dangerous practices; attempts to murder Leicester in his way to Wanstead, and Philip Sidney in his bed; his unnatural crimes, &c. With an addition, probably by Francis Southwell.

58. The humble memorial and request of the Clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal, touching their offices, addressed to Sir Thomas Bromley, Lord Chancellor of England. Reduction of their fees by the grant to Sir Edw. Horsey for licences for selling wines; by the passing of bills by immediate warrant, and by grants of benefices and prebends of small value.

59. Statement of the decays in the office of Signet and Privy Seal, by the passing the grants of manumissions, both at the Great Seal and the Duchy, without fees.

60. Note of the decays of the profit of the Signet and Privy Seal Sir Edw. Horsey's grant. Lee's grant of manumissions. Grant to Mr. Dyer touching tanners. Passing grants by immediate warrant.

61. A memorial of the griefs of the Clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal concerning their offices. Reduction of fees on Horsey's grant, manumissions, and grants of benefices and prebends.

62. A humble memorial of the Clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal to the Lord Treasurer, concerning the decays of their offices, and for some remedy for the same.

63. The decays in the offices of the Signet and Privy Seal. Lee's grant of manumissions. Hussey's grant of wine licences, stewardships, &c. Benefices and prebends, and grants by immediate warrant.

64, 65. The humble memorial of the Clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal to the Lord Treasurer concerning the decay of the offices; wine licences, manumissions, dispensation with tanners, &c. Two copies.

66. Note of certain offices that may, if it so please Her Majesty, be granted to the Clerks of the Signet.

67. Reasons and arguments by Mr. Fanshawe against Dr. Perne's allegations for not admitting Richard Betts a Fellow of Peter House upon Her Majesty's letters in his behalf. Mr. Purefoy, an ancient, promised Mr. Fanshawe to resign his place to Mr. Betts.

68. Reasons alleged for not admitting Mr. Betts. Mr. Purefoy resigned at the last audit, and Mr. Ferbecke admitted in his place. Poverty of the college, &c.

69. Answers to the above reasons.

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70. Grant to Rafe Bosvile of a certain sum arising out of forfeited goods in the Court of Exchequer, as of the Queen's free gift and reward for past services.

71. Remembrances by the Earl of Hertford for Mr. Secretary Walsyngham. To deal with Her Majesty concerning the lands bought by his father the late Earl, of Sir Edward Dorrell, in exchange for other lands now descended to fat William Dorrell, the son of Sir Edward.

72. Notes in Sir Fr. Walsyngham's hand of the causes why Her Majesty receives no greater benefit from the penalties levied on recusants. Evasions practised by the recusants to avoid the penalties.

73. Remedies proposed by Walsyngham to prevent the evasions practised by the recusants to avoid the fines and penalties to which by statute they are liable.

74. Information that Dr. Haddock, with three other young priests, had passed that way, and it was reported that Parsons had animated one of them to some villainous attempt against Her Majesty.

75. Petition of Richard Aldersaie to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desiring that the suit of M. Alonso against him may be stayed, for the recovery of the goods taken by a ship belonging to Mr. Henry Knolles, who was at sea with Sir Humfrey Gilberte. Persecution of Knolles by the Spaniards, until he was brought to his grave.

Grant to Robert and Tho. Fludd of the office of Keeper of the Castle and Gaol of Norwich, upon surrender of Edmund and Henry Overton. [*See Warrant Book* I., *p.* 170.]

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Jan. 4. Dover Castle. 1. Mark Packnam to Mr. Appleton. Sends the judgment specified in the Shepway Court Roll, concerning the giving erroneous judgment by the Mayor and Jurats of Hythe and Romney.

Jan. 6. Dover Cast.e. 2. Richard Barrey, Lieut. of Dover Castle, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has had an assembly of the most skilful masters and mariners, and sends the articles agreed on. Also sends certain articles to

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Mr. Digges touching the works at Dover Harbour. Hopes some resolution will shortly be taken. *Incloses,*

2. I. *Articles of the state of Dover Harbour resolved upon before Mr. Richard Barrey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, John Garrett mayor, and the Jurats there, by the examination of the most sensible, ancient, and skilful men and mariners, whose names are subscribed. January* 3.

Jan. 10. 3. Proclamation recalling all children, wards, &c., placed in seminary colleges beyond sea, where false and erroneous doctrines are taught.

Jan. 11. Winchester. 4. John Watson, Bishop of Winchester and others, Justices of Peace for Hampshire, to the Council. Certify the quantity of corn that may be spared for exportation, towards the repair of Dover Haven; wheat being at 20*s.* the quarter.

Jan. 15. Penryn. 5. Sir John Kyllygrew, Sir Francis Godolphin, and others, Commissioners for Piracy in Cornwall, to the Council. Their proceedings on the complaint of John De Chavis, merchant, and Philip De Oryo, of St. Sebastian, relative to the stealing of their ship out of Falmouth Haven. *Inclosing,*

5. I. *Copy of the complaint of Philip Deorio and John De Chavis, requesting satisfaction for their ship the Mary of St. Sebastians, stolen from Falmouth Haven by certain of Sir John Kyllygrew's servants and others.*

5. II. *Examinations and depositions taken before the Commissioners for Piracy in Cornwall, touching the taking away of a Spanish ship out of the haven of Falmouth; with copy of the indictments and names of the Jury.*

Jan. 15. 6. Substance of the several faculties granted to the Jesuits in England. Italian.

Jan. 19. 7. The confessions of Tho. Sanders, the son of Robert Sanders, of Tavistock, touching the causes of his going to Spain and his dealings with the Papists; taken by Edmond Tremayne.

Jan. 20. 8. Abstract of the confessions of John Flower before the High Commissioners for Ecclesiastical causes, touching his knowledge of Chambers and Campion.

Jan. 21. Sheffield. 9. George Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Notifies the death of his daughter (Elizabeth Cavendish Countess of Lenox), and requests him to signify it to Her Majesty, and to commend to her royal favor her infant and orphan daughter Lady Arbella Stuart, who now is left altogether destitute. The poor mother (the Countess of Shrewsbury) taketh her daughter's death so grievously, and so mourneth and lamenteth, that she cannot think of aught but tears.

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Jan. 25. Alfreton. 10. Sir John Zowche [of Derby] to Sir Frs. Walsyngham. Inquiries for the discovery of a certain gentlewoman of Scotland, supposed to be concealed in that part of the country, If she is not the party, yet she is an obstinate papist, and so may as well be apprehended. *Incloses,*

10. I. *Note of proceedings of the messenger and of the information obtained towards discovery of a certain Scottish gentlewoman.*

Jan. 27. 11. Petition of Richard Rich, prisoner in the Fleet, and Robert Wright, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to the Council. Desiring that their cause may be heard so that they may be either released or condemned; they suffering imprisonment for the cause of the true religion which Her Majesty has embraced.

Jan. 27. 12. Letters of deputation by Lord Burghley to Richard Wotton, appointing him one of the Waiters in the port of London; the same as Christopher Marshall late held it.

Jan. 28. Sheffield. 13. Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Death of her daughter Lenox. Desires him to solicit Her Majesty that the same portion bestowed on her daughter Lenox and her jewel Arbella, may go to the child for her education and training up in all good virtue and learning. Asks leave for her son Wm. Cavendish to attend on him.

Jan. 28. Blackfriars. 14. Lord Cobham to the Council. Proceedings in the examination of the Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich, by what authority they had made and executed so severe a decree upon the strangers inhabiting within their town. The Mayor and his party very unwilling to come to conformity.

Jan. 31. 15. Note of matters in controversy between Dr. Legg, master of Caius College and the Fellows thereof, in the hearing of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. Misapplication of the college funds by the Master.

Jan. 16. Petition of the Eastland Merchants to the Council. Desiring that the petition of the Merchants of the Stillyard may not be attended to, unless the Hanze Towns grant like privileges to the English merchants.

Jan. 31. 17. Request by the Aldermen of the Stillyard for directions to the officers of the Customs to pass their goods and merchandise as heretofore. [*Orders to this effect were issued by the Privy Council on the last of January and 1st of February. Co. Reg.*]

Jan. 18. The Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol to the Council. Touching the suit of George Badram, merchant of Bristol. [*Much decayed.*] *Inclosing,*

18. I. *The title and claim of George Badram, merchant, to a letter of marque granted by Her Majesty's Council unto Tho. Dyconson and William Evans.*

18. II. *The interest and title of Richard [Smith], of Bristol.*

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Jan. 19. Account of the wages for the Officers of the Queen's ships at sea, determined by the Officers of the Navy, which are not to be exceeded. Calculation to ascertain the tonnage of vessels, and for making choice of cables and anchors, &c.

Jan. ? 20. Examination of John Norris and Lawrence Simons, relative to attempts made by Sir John Killegrew's men to rescue Capt. Hamond, a pirate, from their custody.

Jan. ? 21. Notes for a letter to Dover. A groyne to be made for defence of the pier. Note to be made of the stone provided at Folkestone.

Jan. ? 22. Remembrances for Dover Haven. Grant of the fines for unlawful transportation of grain in Kent. Provision of timber to be made in Sussex and the Weald of Kent. Carriage of stone from Folkstone.

Jan. ? 23. Note for the works at Dover: the wall from the Crane yard at the pier to be continued unto the cliff under the castle.

Jan. ? 24. Notes for the furtherance of the works at Dover Harbour: a long wall to be made to the Crane yard. Commissioners to be sent down to resolve upon the place. Stone quarries at Folkstone.

Jan. ? 25. Offer made by A. B. for the repair of Dover Haven, if the plat presented herewith be liked.

Jan. ? 26. Certain notes touching the necessary offices for the government of the Dover works. The officers necessary, and their respective duties.

Jan. ? 27. Present remembrances for Dover Haven. Twenty acres of wood to be made into bavins. Flat-bottomed boats to be made after the fashion of those at Venice, described by Castriotto.

Jan. 28. Mr. Poyntz's estimate of the charges for the repair of the works at Dover Haven. Specification of work to be done.

Jan. 29. Duplicate of part of the preceding.

Jan. 30, 31. Note of sundry stuff and provisions to be prepared for the works at Dover Haven: materials, implements, and various workmen. Two copies.

Jan. ? 32. Statement of works necessary to be done for the repair of Dover Haven, with the reasons for the same; in the hand of John Hill.

Jan. ? 33. The commodities of the English plat for repair of Dover Haven, presented by Thomas Digges: not half the charges of the Flemish plat.

Jan. ? The Council to . Objections to the plans for repair of Dover Haven. Mr. Digges and Mr. Borough sent down to confer on the plans proposed by the engineers from the Low Countries. Offers of Ferdinando Poyntz. Mr. Trewe to give in his accompt, and to be discharged. [*See Dom. Eliz., Vol.* xlv., *p.* 38.]

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Feb. 4. Dover. 34. Charles Lord Howard to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Rough weather in the Downs. Has landed at Dover for the transporting of Monsieur's train. There is not sufficient accommodation at Dover for the reception of Her Majesty and Monsieur both. Six houses had been visited with the plague. Suggests the Queen should take leave of Monsieur at Canterbury.

Feb. 4. 35. Information given by David Dee, M.A., and pastor of Sherborne, Dorset, against Mr. John Keynes and his followers, for violently assaulting and maltreating him at his parsonage house at Sherborne, tearing the hair from his beard, and fisting him so that for six weeks he could not speak loud enough to edify his charge.

Feb. 6. 36. Note of the chain and rings (belonging to M. De Combelles) found about John Fenrick and John Hilton. Signed by Sir Ric. Martyn, alderman, and others.

Feb. ? 37. Statement by Francis Wade and others, that the chain of gold, in seven pieces, found on John Hilton belonging to M. De Combelles was, the day before, known to be in three pieces only.

Feb. ? 38. Deposition by Francis Wade, "that Mons. Combelles broke "his chain in Mrs. Cooke's house in forcing her maid, in seven "pieces." Description of certain rings of value, two rubies and one emerald, worn by Combelles.

Feb. 6. London. 39. Francis Eyerman to his Brother. Comforts him under his imprisonment, and points to Campion and other papists, executed for treason, as martyrs for religion. Acknowledged before John Popham on the 12th of February.

Feb. 8. Sandwich. 40. Earl of Leicester to Lord Burghley or Sir F. Walsyngham. His opinion on the matters in controversy between the strangers and the Mayor and inhabitants of Sandwich.

Feb. 9. Gray's Inn. 41. James Brande to Walsyngham. State of the case in suit between Jervice Elyott and Mr. Wye, relative to lease of a tenement in North Swaye, co. Southampton.

Feb. 11. 42. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has received his letters and the instructions for Furbisher. Is glad there is likelihood of the Spanish proceedings being stayed by the misliking of the malcontented States. Praises the Lord Deputy of Ireland (Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton). Marchemont is come to town; and his lodgings in Chanon Row have been robbed, and the secret papers between De Bex and Walsyngham disclosed. Guesses that "hore-"dome in y^e^ houss bred y^e^ theft, even as y^e^ lyke did to Combelles by "y^t^ infamous strumpett the Lady Hilton." [*This letter is greatly elucidated by an Exchequer account, 24 March, post No. 69, in which the following entry of payment occurs*:—

> "*To the saide S^r^ Frauncis Walsingham, by the hands of "Mons^r^. Jean de Bex, Signeur de Preveaux, ordinarie "gent. of the chamber to Mons^r^. Duke of Anjou and "Alenson, to be by hym conveyed into Fraunce, and ther "imployed in Her Highnes service, in gold,* 15,000*l.*"]

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Feb. 19. Colocumb. 43. Edmond Tremayne to Walsyngham. The stay of Don Antonio's ships at Plymouth having been done by public authority, they cannot now be released upon Walsyngham's private letter only. The town of Plymouth is in great perplexity as to payment for stores and victuals.

Feb. 25. 44. Petition of John Coysgarne to the Council. Against Christopher Jenye for cancelling a statute of 3,000*l.*, and wrongfully detaining from him an indenture of covenants, &c. Desires that Mr. Jenye may be called to answer.

Feb. 25. 45. Petition of Hannibal Vyvyan to the Council. Prays that they would not determine the complaint exhibited by John Cosgarne against Christopher Gennie [Jenye] without giving him notice.

Feb. 25. 46. Burghley to Walsyngham. Her Majesty, far above his deserts, hath fast sealed up his former conceptions of her singular goodness, in speaking in the highest terms of him, his wife, and daughter, to Mr. Wentworth, and that she graciously approves of his daughter's marriage with Mr. Wentworth. Begs Walsyngham to excuse his hasty writing, "which is in my bed and therefor the "worss wrytten.

Feb. 28. London. 47. Sir Walter Mildmay to same. Desires him to be favourable to the bearer, Ellys Wyn, in his suit with Mr. Bostocke.

Feb. 28. 48. Sir Edmond Trafforde and Robert Worsley to the Council. The recusants in their custody (whose names are stated) continue obstinate for want of instruction and conference. Request that some preachers may be appointed to repair unto them.

Feb. ? 49. The particulars and value of the lands assured unto Mrs. Wentworth for her jointure.

Feb. ? 50. A note of the yearly rents of the lands assured and conveyed to William Wentworth, Esq., and Elizabeth [Cecill] his wife, by Lord Wentworth, father of the said William.

Feb 51. The Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge, to Sir Walter Mildmay. Desire his favor in the choice of a Master in the present vacancy; to keep them from a bad and to help them to a good master of their house.

Feb. ? 52. Clause of a statute, relative to the qualifications requisite for a Master of Christ's College, at a new election.

Feb. ? 53. Note of the times of the year when there is the least amount of English goods in France.

Feb. 54. Mr. Richard Topclyffe's note of particulars against William Deane and Edward Osborne, seminary priests: celebration of mass in the Fleet prison before Lord Vaux, Sir Thomas Tresham, Mr. Tirwhitt, and others; and at Lady's Vaux's lodging at St. Mary Overies. [*On the* 17 *March*, 1582, *directions were given to examine Vaux and Tresham in the Fleet, touching a mass said there in Lord Vaux's chamber. Co. Reg.*]

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March 1. Grantham. 55. Rodolph Lockoe, post, and now alderman of Grantham, to the Council; in behalf of the inhabitants of Grantham, that the rate for horses to ride post may be increased, as the trade of their town was ruined for want of horses.

March 5. 56. Petition of John Pell, Robert Hillyarde, and other the Inhabitants of King's Lynn to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; desiring that if the articles charged against them by the Mayor are heard by the Council, they may be discharged of the suit in the Star Chamber.

March 5. 57. The answer of John Pell, formerly Alderman and Justice of the Peace in Lynn, to the articles exhibited against him, touching his dispute with the Mayor about certain letters found by his servant Parker.

March. 5. 58. Petition of the Mayor, &c., of King's Lynn to the Council, requesting that certain persons whom they suspected of libels against certain godly preachers and themselves, and who have behaved with great boldness since their return, might be called to account.

March 9. 59–64. Several plans and sections of the stone work, for the walls and piers, in the new works at Dover Haven; with plan and sections for the long wall on the east side, and the cross wall on the south end of Dover Haven. Six papers.

March 10. 65. Account of money received for the works at the pier at Dover.

March 13. Winchester College. 66. The Warden, Fellows, and Scholars of St. Mary's College, Winchester, to the Queen. They have sealed and confirmed the lease of the Parsonage and Rectory of Downton, in Wiltshire, to Her Majesty for 40 years, for Mr. Wylkes, one of the clerks of the Council; but they request that it might not be taken as a precedent.

March 17. Exeter. 67. John Killygrewe to Sir John Conway. Solicits his favor in settling the debt which he owes to Mr. Bowrne. Particulars of his debts and money transactions. Quarrel between Digby, then Vice-Admiral, and Mr. Killygrewe's father, when Mr. Bowrne came down into Cornwall.

March 21. London. 68. Peter Cubiaur to Walsyngham (?). The cause of the undoing of himself and friends arises from a bad fellow that ran away, and from the loss of a ship from India, taken at Terceiras, of the value of above 80,000 crowns, and the taking up of another ship to go to the Strait of Magellan. If he could end Mr. Drake's matter, he could then pay every man.

March 24. 69. Brief declaration of the Tellers remains, of their receipts in the Exchequer from March 24, 1580, to March 24, 1581, and of such sums of money as hath been paid by them during the same time. Among other items of expenditure, 340*l.* to Augustine Graffina for 84 stones of white marble for the tombs of Henry VIII., Edw. VI., and Queen Mary; and 20*l.* to Lucy Stockett, widow, for 97 black stones for the same purpose.

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March 27. Constantinople. 70. Alexander Rigby to his parents in Lancashire. Complains that he has never received letters nor heard from them. Admonishes them of the importance of preserving their health, which is more precious than all the possessions in the world.

March 27. 71. Edward Stafford to Walsyngham. States certain points for composition to be effected with his creditors; there is none of them but will be contented with Monsey. His servant is still in prison upon an execution by Mabbe's means.

March 27. From my home prison in the Guildhall. 72. Thomas Norton to same. Has received the seditious book noting Her Majesty's Council for persecutors. Is named in it as "Mr. Norton the Rackmaster," who vaunted to have pulled one Briant "one good foot longer than ever God made him." Justifies his proceedings in putting Briant and Campion to the rack, which he did only in pursuance of orders in conjunction with others. His domestic afflictions. [*On the 3rd of May, 1581, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Dr. Hammond, and Thomas Norton were directed to examine "a Jesuite naminge himselfe Briant, and if he refuse to confess the "truth, then to put him unto the torture, and by the paine and "terrour of the same to wring from him the knowledge of suche "things as shall appertayne." Co. Reg.*]

March 29. Strand. 73. Burghley to same. Has been looking over the expenditure of the Revenue to give an account to Her Majesty. Doubts what she will think of the charge for interest paid to Horatio Pallavicino, on account of money lent to the States; payment not having yet been made by them. [*By the preceding account No. 69, the sum of 2,942l. 11s. 4d., for interest, is charged to the account of H. Pallavicino.*]

March. 74. Notes to be considered, touching a bargain to be made for the licence granted to the town of Dover for the transporting of corn.

75. Note of the charge of the crane at Dover pier, defrayed and to be defrayed by Robert Andrews.

March? 76. Discourse for raising money for the repair of Dover Harbour, by the grant of an additional 15th in the next Parliament.

March? 77. Certificate of the amount of collections made in the port of London for the repair of Dover Harbour.

March? 78. "Estimate of expences of materials for the two jetties at the "entrance of Dover Harbour."

March? 79. John Philpot's proposal for the transportation of 6,000 quarters of wheat out of Kent upon the licence for Dover Haven.

March? 80. Certain petitions touching the repair of Dover Haven. Desirable for a conclusion to be taken before the season of the year doth pass.

March? 81. Answers to certain questions touching the repair of Dover Haven, the proper point for commencing the jetties, &c.

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March ? 82. Certain points to be considered of touching Dover Haven.

March ? 83. Note of present remembrances for Dover Harbour; provision of timber, store, &c.

March ? 84. Certificate of the quantity of wheat, exported by virtue of a licence for repairing Dover Harbour.

March ? 85. Errors and defaults of the sluice at Dover.

March ? 86. Answers to the considerations for placing and making the long wall at Dover Haven.

March ? 87. "Mr. Dygges opinion of y^e^ Dutche mens plotte for Dover." Approves generally of the plan of the Flemings, but suggests several alterations for consideration. Is a great enemy to timber works of pile and planks, and prefers bavin work, which is more durable and less expensive.

March ? 88. Offers made by Joachim Gaunse for the making of copper, vitriol, and copperas, and smelting of copper and lead ores; with the opinions of George Nedham thereon, and a description of their doings at the copper mines by Keswick in Cumberland, anno 1581.

March. 89. Copy of the above.

March ? 90. Abstract of the information exhibited by Holmes and Thwaites against one Corsini, for illegal exportation of bell-metal from the port of London.

March ? 91. Declaration of the Queen's policy towards Roman Catholics subsequent to the execution of Campion and others, in answer to sundry rumours and reports, and the publication of divers slanderous pamphlets and seditious libels in this realm and in foreign parts. The Queen's clemency; several not put to death that were condemned. Grace and mercy to be extended to Edw. Rushton.

March. 92. Petition of Godfrey Wilson (brother to the late Sec. Wilson and keeper of St. Katherine's Hospital near the Tower) to the Council. Complains that Dr. Lewes, judge of the Admiralty, now Master of St. Katherine's, refuses to pay the rent due to him on account of the said hospital.

March ? 93. The names of the Commissioners for Dover Haven.

March ? 94. List of the officers of Dover Haven in the reigns of King Henry VIII. and King Edward VI.; with note for a new commission.

March ? 95. Heads of articles material for a new commission for Dover Haven, with names of the Commissioners indorsed.

96. Plat of the town and harbour of Dover, temp. Queen Elizabeth: modern engraving.

March ? 97. Petition of Richard Woodgate, owner of the Anne Francis of Great Yarmouth, to the Council. Soliciting redress for spoils committed upon him by a French ship of Homfleet, in the seizure of his ship and goods, and slaughter of three of the ship's company.

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April 3. London. 1. The Queen to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London, directing them to take bonds of Lawrence Farron, of London, merchant stranger, not to go beyond seas, or to attempt any thing prejudicial to Her Majesty and the realm. With copy of the bond entered into by Farron.

April 1. 2. Receipt by Richard Burnam for the sum of 4*l.*, from Sir Wm Catesby in full discharge of a debt due to him by Richard Catesby.

April 4. 3. Secret advertisements addressed to Walsyngham touching the English Papists abroad. Fifty Englishmen, as well Papists as Protestants taken in Rome and other places, for spies. The Pope has written to all Catholic Princes in favor of such as shall leave England for religion.

April 9. The Court. 4. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Has sent the instructions for Mr. Fenton's voyage to receive his signature, and also to sign a letter to Mr. Owtred, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Towerson. Recommends Mr. Norton be chosen to answer certain books.

April 11. At his home prison. 5. Thomas Norton to Walsyngham. Sends him another of those toys, in hopes the last did not displease him. Dreads the return of his wife's illness. Commends the late proclamation, and suggests that the process of outlawry should be issued against all who were indicted.

April 13. Manchester. 6. Sir Edm. Trafforde and Robert Worsley to the Council. The state of the recusants in the gaol of Salford, as Sir John Southworth and others named, in custody. The want of instruction and of a learned preacher, is the cause of their continuance in obstinancy. Have appointed one to read a chapter of the Holy Bible, at meal times.

April 14? 7. Articles (by Walsyngham) to be considered and resolved on touching Dover Haven, in what place the haven's mouth is to be opened, construction of jetties, &c.

April 14. 8. The Council to the Commissioners of Dover Haven. Have appointed Sir William Wynter, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Burroughs to confer with them on the choice of a plan for the repair of Dover Haven. Mr. Digges to be overseer of the works. *Inclosing,*

8. I. *Articles to be considered by the Commissioners for the repairing of Dover Haven.*

April 14. London. 9. Tho. Pullyson, Alderman, and others, of London, to the Council. Have dealt in the behalf of Rowland Wynter, Her Majesty's servant, but could come to no adjustment with his creditors. Wynter offers to pay all his debts in full in five years.

April 14? 10. Richard Mathewe's offer for the payment of the debt due by Rowland Wynter to Alderman Dixie.

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April 14? 11. The names of Rowland Wynter's creditors, and the sums owing to them.

April 16. Rome. 12. George Powell to his master, Mr. Humfrey Ely. Has received the letters he sent from Lyons, and desires to be remembered to Dr. Allen and others at Rheims and Douay.

April 16. Hastings. 13. Certificate from the Bailiff and Jurats of Hastings to Lord Cobham, that Francis Bolton, "non est inventus," within their town. Latin. *Annexing,*

13. I. *Writ addressed to the Bailiffs and Jurats of Hastings for arrest of Francis Bolton. Dover* 21 *March,* 1582.

April 19. 14. Secret advertisements by P. H. addressed to Sir F. Walsyngham. There is no probability of a rebellion this spring or summer, the Papists having no hope of aid from the Pope or the King of Spain. There is no doubt the King of France and his brother be appointed by God to be a scourge to religion. That Parsons was at Rouen to write a book in behalf of Campion. Information of other Papists. Sir Humphrey Gilberte and others going to Newfoundland.

April 21. Dover. 15. John Garett, Mayor of Dover, Sir Tho. Scott, and others, Commissioners for Dover Haven, to the Council. Have, with the advice of Sir Wm. Wynter, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Burroughs, now finally resolved on a platt for the making of a perfect and safe harbour, and have chosen officers to execute it. *Annexing,*

15. I. *The answers of the Commissioners for Dover Haven to the articles received from the Privy Council, agreed upon by the Lord Cobham and the rest, with the good advice and assent of Sir Wm. Wynter and Mr. Burroughs.*

April 24. 16. Resolutions taken by the Justices of Peace at the Sessions, holden at Winchester the 24th day of April. For raising funds to be committed to the Bishop of Winchester and others, for the correction and employment of rogues, vagabonds, and idle persons.

April 24. 17. Orders made at the General Sessions of the Peace, held at Winchester, April 24, to be observed by the constables, bailiffs, and tythingmen, for the correction and punishment of rogues and vagabonds, and for the relief of the poor.

April 26. 18. Max. Brooke to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for his many favours and assures him of his readiness to serve him. French.

April 26. Altyrennys. 19. William Cycyll to Lord Burghley. Complains of the unnatural behaviour of his son-in-law Pawle Delahay, who has sued him for payment of his marriage portion. His office of sheriff (of Hereford), and expenditure in repairing his ancient house, make it desirable his accompts should be speedily settled.

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[April 27.] 20. Writ of fieri facias upon the goods and possessions of William Cycyll, late Sheriff of Herefordshire, out of Sir Chr. Hatton's office, for payment of money into the Exchequer. An extent against him at the suit of Pawle Delahay, for 300*l.*

April 27. 21. Robert Myddelmore to George Throckmorton. Declares his love and affection, and hopes to see him shortly. Has sent tokens and letters to him at several opportunities. Mr. Southwell, otherwise called Father Robert, and others, desire their commendations.

April 27. 22. Certificate of the receipt for Dover Haven in the port of London, by Tho. Smythe, collector for ships entered inward, from April 27, 1581, to April 27, 1582.

April 28. 23. Similar certificate of the receipt for Dover Haven in the port of London, by Robert Dow, collector for ships outward, from April 28, 1581, to April 28, 1582.

April 29. Winchester. 24. Orders sent down at the Winchester Sessions for Henry Eve, appointed Master of the House of Correction, at Winchester, to set such rogues and vagabonds on work, as shall be sent to that house. "Due punyshment with the whyppe shall be ministred unto every rogue so sent."

April. 25. The effect of the L. Copley's protestation to Thos. Heron, touching his full mind and intention, in case the Queen's Majesty do, of her clemency, restore to him his revenues, with pardon of all that is past.

April. 26. Petition of John Orkeney, *alias* Taylor, of Middleborough, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires letters to the Mayor of Southampton for restoration of his ship, the Flying Ghost, taken by the Edward Bonadventure, and detained by the Mayor.

April. 27. Note of things considered of by Tho. Bedwell for Dover Haven, not before used or remembered; construction of sluices; to make a clock to go by water continually without setting.

April. 28. A particular estimate of the several works to be done at Dover Haven, applicable to any plan exhibited; in the same hand as the preceding.

April. 29. Duplicate of the above, with estimate of the charges of the items.

April? 30. Petition of Phil. Mellershe, of Wonersh, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Complains of the fraudulent dealings of Hugh Hare. That Mr. Wilkes, clerk of the Council, had no time to attend to the hearing of his suit. Desires that some other gentleman may be appointed, by his Honor, to be joined with Mr. Woolley, for the hearing of his complaints.

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April? 31. The note of such writings as John Penne and Mary his wife, delivered to Thomas Elliott the 7th day of May 1576; with a note of other writings and evidences which be in a chest with iron bars.

April? 32. The answer of Tho. Lord Darcy and Mr. Edmund Pirton to certain articles sent unto them, of their knowledge touching the quarrel between Sir Tho. Lucas and Mr. Tey.

May 2. Chester. 33. Chr. Goodman, dean of Chester, and others to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Are unable to settle the dispute between the retailers and mere-merchants of Chester. State of the controversy. They are hopeless of bringing the parties to any agreement.

[May 2.] 34. Account of such debts as are due to John Mills, lent by him to his cousin Jasper Fisher, in his lifetime. Part payment made by Mr. Bostok.

May 2. 35. The answer of Richard Bostok, executor of the last will and testament of Jasper Fisher, to the petitions of John Mills, touching certain money owing by Fisher's estate to the said Mills.

May 5. 36. Notarial copy of proceedings in the Court of Admiralty touching the spoil committed upon the ship Anne Frances of Great Yarmouth, by French pirates. French.

May 5. Clyst. 37. Earl of Bedford to the Council. The diligence of Sir Richard Greynvile and Edmond Tremayne in investigating the circumstances of the taking away the Spanish ship out of the harbour of Falmouth. *Incloses,*

37. I. *The examinations taken at Penryn before Sir Ric. Greynvile and Mr. Edmond Tremayne touching the taking away of the Spanish ship out of Falmouth by John Berry and another of Sir John Killygrew's servants.*

37. II. *Justinian Talkarne to Greynvile and Tremayne. Evidence touching the taking of the ship.*

May 5. 38. P. H., indorsed B. B., to Walsyngham. Force of the King Philip in Milan, which all Papists wish were for England. Spanish embassy to Paris. The Queen of Scots had gone eight miles from her abode, before her keepers knew of it. Arrest of Dr. Wendon, Dr. Morton, and other English pensioners at Rome.

May 6. Sheffield. 39. Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Desires him to prefer her suit to the Queen for grant of the yearly pension of 400*l.*, formerly allowed to her daughter, to her jewel the infant Arbella Stuart, who is to depend wholly on Her Majesty's bounty. Her poor mother in her extreme sickness did most earnestly recommend this poor infant to Her Majesty's goodness. Lady Arbella is well near seven years old, and of very great towardness.

May 6. 40. Copy of the above.

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May 10. 41. P. H. to Walsyngham. Has delivered to Mr. Wendon, brother to Dr. Wendon at Rome, a note to Mr. Smithye in Rouen, for a pair of beads " of ye tennes, called *cavalieri*." Also a note to Dr. Nicholson in Paris. Mr. Wendon has sent over since Christmas above 20 gentlemen, and in his profession is brother to Campion, in which cause he would die. Description of his apparel and personal appearance.

May 12. London. 42. Aldermen Tho. Pullyson, John Allott, William Rowe and Richard Young, to the Council. Have not been able to conclude any arrangements with the creditors of Rowland Wynter. He offers to pay all in five years, which they think reasonable.

May 12. 43. Note of all such English wares as are good and most necessary for the parts of Brazil, for Mr. Fenton and Luke Warde's voyage.

May 13. 44. Order for the Defendants in the case of John Houlden against Robert Suclinge and William Peter, to put in direct answers to the plaintiff's bill, by a certain day.

May 13. Salford. 45. Sir Edm. Trafforde and Robert Worsley to Walsyngham. The prisoners in Salford gaol obstinately refused to hear the chapter appointed to be read at meal times; but now one of the recusants, Ralph Worsley, has undertaken to do it. Request a preacher may be appointed for that purpose.

May 13. 46. Randall Shaw to (sent by E. Cotton to his cousin Byngham). Copies of three letters giving minute directions for a voyage to Binney; to open a communication and to trade with the King only; the commodities to exchange, &c.

May 13. 47. Information given to the Privy Council by Edward Eden, late Mayor of the borough of Thetford, concerning some disorders there lately committed by the now Mayor and some other burgesses, relative to the election of Mr. Golding into the office of Recorder. Proposes Mr. Richard Kempe to be nominated.

May 15. 48. Examination of Patrick Mason. Touching the speeches of Peter De Subiaur, merchant stranger, relative to the manner in which Sir Fr. Drake came by his treasure, whether by traffic or by force of arms.

May 15? 49. Confession of Patrick Mason, being compelled unto the same, touching Peter Subiaur's intercourse with the King of Spain, and the proceedings of Sir Fr. Drake. 20,000 ducats offered by the King of Spain for Drake's head. That offer made to John Dowghtie. English sailors to be enlisted in the Spanish service.

May [15.] 50. Information by Sir Francis Drake of speeches uttered by John Dowghtie against him on his being knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and other secret practices intended against him.

May 15. 51. Comparative estimate of the charges for the repair of Dover Haven, according to the plan presented by all the Commissioners, and the plan offered by Mr. Poyntz.

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May 18. 52. Note of the suit depending in the Star Chamber between Mr. Monson and Mr. Ascue. The effect of Mr. Ascue's answer.

May 18. Scott's Hall. 53. Sir Tho. Scott to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Progress in providing materials for the works at Dover, and of work already done. Requests a further supply of money for carrying on the works, and that the Queen's great house at the pier may serve for a storehouse.

May 19. 54. P. H. to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Has given order for the apprehension of Mr. Williams, a priest, and Mr. Wendon, the brother of Dr. Wendon. It is reported that the Prince of Orange was dead. The papists do say that the King of Scots had turned and become a catholic. Great force collected by the King of France.

May 20. Exeter. 55. John Wolton, bishop of Exeter, to Lord Burghley (?). Unquiet state of the country by means of persons expelled from other places. Intends to suspend Padget for some disorders. Has prevented Matthew Eaton from appearing in Devon, against whom most grievous and unnatural crimes were charged.

May 20? 56. Farnando Poyntz to Lord Burghley. Complains of the obstructions to his proceedings relative to the works at Dover, by the false reports raised against him.

May 20. 57. The offer of Farnando Poyntz for repair of Dover Haven, according to the platt presented by him. Funds to be placed at his disposal.

May 20? 58. Note of provisions presently to be provided for the works at Dover Harbour, with an estimate of the quantity and price.

May 20? 59. Answer by Farnando Poyntz, upon the provision which is said presently to be provided for Dover.

May [20]. 60. Further proposals offered by Farnando Poyntz upon his platt presented to the Council.

May 21. 61. Opinion of Tho. Bedwell, on the works to be done at Dover Haven, as well for the manner and course of the work, as for the estimation of the charges.

May 23. 62. Information given by Roger Ogdeyne, servant of Richard Boulde, Esq., against papists in the county of Lancaster, and of their resort to Mr. Boulde's house.

May 24. 63. Inquisition and survey of the manors of Brokenest, *alias* Brokenhurst, and Godshill, in the county of Southampton. Latin.

May 24. 64. Memorandum by Wm. Borough, of certain points to be considered for the repair of Dover Haven; the plat to be first agreed on, the best form of the plat, and the same plat with least charge.

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May 25. 65. The names of Recusants indicted at the Quarter Sessions of the county of the city of Chester, before Bishop Chaderton, Richard Bavand, Mayor, and others.

May 28. Bangor. 66. Bishop Robynson to Walsyngham. Justifies himself against the reports that he was fallen away in religion. Details the course of his life and opinions since he became a preacher, before and since he was Bishop of Bangor.

May 28. Bangor. 67. Same to the Earl of Leicester. Never thought that any man would have been so void of the fear of God as to accuse him of papistry. Assures Leicester of his adherence to the established church, which his proceedings against the papists and the declaration of the Archbishop would sufficiently prove.

May 29. 68. P. H. to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Proposed marriage between the son of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Robert Marcam's daughter, both of Nottinghamshire, and it has been arranged that Mr. Marshall shall steal her away into Derbyshire, and there to marry her at a mass. Order for arrest of Mr. Williams the priest.

May 31. London. 69. Dr. Lewes to the Council. His opinion, on the complaint of certain French merchants of Toulouse, against the award given in favor of certain merchants of London. Confirms the award of the arbitrators, Secret agreement with Mr. Swigo, one of the witnesses.

May 31. Rheims. 70. Dr. Wm. Allen to George Grymestone, his godson, at Paris. Advises him to devote his attention to divinity, and to study at their college in Rheims. Praises him for the good service he had done in the discovering and apprehension of Gore [Gower?].

May 31. 71. Comparative account of the expenses in the Office of the Spicery, and the price of spices for two several years.

May 31. 72. Order taken with David Atkinson, messenger of the chamber, before the Lords Commissioners, for altering and otherwise misusing warrants entrusted to him for execution.

May? 73. Petition of Henry Oughtred to the Council. Complaining of the losses he had sustained in Spain and the West Indies.

May? 74. Notes by Burghley relative to the Bull of Pope Pius V., declaring Queen Elizabeth to be a heretic, and deposing her from her regal authority; with the effects of the faculties granted to Fathers Parsons and Campion for explication of the same, and the substance of John Hart's declaration as to the force of that Bull. [*See Dec.* 31, 1580, *and State Trials. Vol.* i., *p.* 1078.]

May? 75. Copy of the above.

May? 76, 77. Note by Robt. Beale, clerk of the Council, of precedents, showing that Ecclesiastical persons offending in matters of State receive no favor, and are justly chargeable with treason. Four or five Cardinals drowned for favoring the Antipope. Two copies.

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May? 78. Information of divers Seminaries and Papists that do haunt the North country. One Smythe, in the company of Dolman, a son of old Tho. Dolman and companion of Thomas Aulfield, Ric. Hargrave, Wm. Allett, Anthony Bulwer the heir of the Bulwers, whose mother [Katherine Norton] is old Richard Norton's daughter; and others. [*On the 29th May, 1582, the Council ordered the Earl of Huntingdon to apprehend Wm. Nelson, James Clayton, and one Dolman of Gray's Inn, and their houses to be searched. Co. Reg.*]

May? 79. The parts or divisions of the discourse in Italian, found about the Scottish Jesuit taken on the seas in his way to Scotland. Device for the invasion of England by way of Scotland; to re-establish the Romish religion; to depose Queen Elizabeth and set up the Queen of Scots, which was the principal scope and end of the design. [*It does not appear to be the same enterprise whereunto Throgmorton and Charles Paget were privy.*]

May. 80. Note of Royal Processions on various occasions from Henry VII. to 8th May 24 Eliz., precedence of nobility, the great officers of State and of the Household, &c.

May? 81. Book shewing the comparative value of the monies of England, Ireland, France, and Spain, according to the rate of exchange. Rate between Flemish and English monies according to the exchange from Antwerp to London in May 1582.

[May.] 82. Similar book of rates, in the same hand. Rates between the monies of England and those of Ireland, Flanders, France, and Spain, set down after a mean proportion, from which the Exchanges do not commonly much differ.

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June 1. 1. Examination of John Gower, an English fugitive, taken in Paris before the officials, touching his religious opinions and connection with the Catholics. Latin.

June 9. 2, 3. Account of the charges of the Compass Jetty of piled bavin work and arming of the crane for the present works at Dover. Two copies.

June 10. Roll of the interrogatories and examinations taken before Dr. John Hammond and Matthew Carew between the 15th of May and the 10th of June, 1582, on the behalf of William Lord Montjoy in the controversy between him and the Earl of Huntingdon, relative to the mortgage and possession of the Manor of Canford and other property, by Sir James Blount, late Lord Montjoy. [*See Case F. Eliz., No.* 2.]

June 10. Similar roll of interrogatories and examinations taken before the same parties, between May 17 and June 10, on the behalf of the Earl of Huntingdon. [*See Case F. Eliz., No.* 3.]

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June 10? 4. Note of the material points in law and equity between Henry Earl of Huntingdon and Lord Mountjoy, principally with respect to the Manor of Canford. [*This suit, which had several times been brought before the Privy Council, was on the 4th of June*, 1582, *referred to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and Mr. Justice Periam, to consider and make a final end between the parties. Co. Reg.*]

June 12. 5. List and particulars of licences granted to sundry noblemen and gentlemen to travel beyond the seas, from February 28, 1573, to June 12, 1582.

June 13. London. 6. Dr. Jo: Hammond to Walsyngham. Has been engaged with examination of witnesses in the suit between the Earl of Huntingdon and Lord Montjoy. Has also been engaged on the complaint exhibited by Seignor Bacqueville, a general statement of whose case he sends for consideration. *Incloses,*

6. I. *State of the case of Seignor Bacqueville, owner of the ship Neptune, for satisfaction for escape of a prize of a Portuguese ship and goods, taken by the Neptune and rescued by an English ship.*

June 13. Pembroke. 7. John Vaughan, customer of Milford, to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for many favors. His brethren and the whole house of Tilleyglas are much and deeply indebted to him.

June 16. Dover Castle. 8. Richard Barrey to Walsyngham. Materials are in readiness to be employed upon the pier and harbour. Suggests two groynes should be made, until the great work may be taken in hand.

June 16. 9. Grant to Sir Jerome Bowes of crown lands, in remainder, of the yearly value of 100*l.*, to be held of the Crown in fee-farm.

June 18. 10. Information of the disorderly assembling of several soldiers at Burntwood, in Essex, on Monday the 18th of June, with banner displayed, set out at the White Hart in the same town, marching from Hertfordshire to Gravesend to join Captain Tailor there, and to go with him into the Low Countries. Taken before Wm. Deane, justice of peace, [1582?].

June 24. 11, 12. Examinations of several persons touching the affray at the Blackfriars between the servants of the Earl of Oxford and Mr. Knevet. Gastrill, the Earl's man, hurt. Two papers.

June 24? 13. Mr. Townesend's declaration touching the bruit given out that the Earl of Oxford should have attempted somewhat against Mr. Tho. Knevet. Conversations with Lord Arundel and Lord Willoughby on the affair.

June 24. 14. Memorandum of what remains yet to be done of the principal matters resolved by the Lords of the Council touching the ordering of the Recusants, as well those at liberty as in prison. Report to be made by the sheriffs and justices, of those indicted, and bonds taken of those at liberty.

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1582. June 24. 15. Form of certificate of a justice of peace, of such Recusants as have continued obstinate and have not for the space of twelve months repaired to any church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer.

June 25. Barn Elms. 16. John Rainoldes to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Excuses the time spent in answering a book written by the Papists. Examples from the ancients of delay in their productions. Mr. Hart had looked over and made annotations on the first part, but refused to read the latter unless he had some better hope of pardon. The popish translation of the New Testament, hath but the same poison as the rest of their libels.

June 27. Thornage. 17. Sir William Buttes and William Heydon to Burghley. Certify the price of grain in Norfolk. Cause of the delay in making their certificate. *Inclosing,*

17. I.—III. *Three certificates of the grain, &c., exported from the port of King's Lynn, from the 1st of March to the 20th of June, anno Reg.* 24.

17. IV., V. *Two certificates of all victuals and grain, &c., laden at Yarmouth from the 1st of March to the 22nd of June, 1582; from port to port, and to foreign parts.*

June 27? 18. Particular of the work that is to be made according to Mr. Poyntz's plat, presented to the Council, and the price for which he will make the same.

June 27? 19. Particular in Lord Burghley's hand, of the offers proposed by Farnando Poyntz for the repair of Dover Haven.

June 27. 20. Articles agreed upon between the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Privy Council and Farnando Poyntz, for repair of Dover Haven, in conformity with the above.

June 29. Tower. 21. Protection granted by Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, to John Walton and John Banister.

June 29. 22 John Johnson to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends a discourse how to remedy the inconveniences of buying and selling of wools in England. Suit between the Merchants of the Staple and the Merchant Adventurers. Desires to have his honour's cloth for a livery this year, for it is a great comfort to be known to be one of his servants. *Incloses,*

22. I. *Discourse by John Johnson, showing the advantages to be gained by the establishment of a staple for the buying and selling of wools in England.*

June. 23. Fard. Poyntz to the Council. Desires to have the 1,000*l.* assigned for the works at Dover, to be paid at once into his hands.

June. 24. Notes for "A voiage to be made to the Ryver of Cesto uppon "the coaste of Genoia for graines and oliphantes teethe, and from "thence to the Isle of St. Thome uppon the same coaste for sugar," with four ships mentioned, one of only 20 tons.

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June. 25. An abstract of the bonds taken of the Recusants, showing the names of the Recusants, the amount and date of each bond and the conditions of the same.

June. 26. State of the suit in the Exchequer between the Queen and William now Marquis of Winchester, relative to the woods and manor of Edington in Wiltshire, granted by King Edward VI. to William first Marquis, and passed to John late Marquis of Winchester.

June? 27. Petition of John Martin, *alias* Charlett, to the Council. Complains of the unjust dealing of William Fulwood in defrauding him of 410*l.* due to him by indenture from Henry Francklande. W. Fulwood had brought the said Francklande to an obscure death, and had most wrongfully kept the petitioner in prison for five years. *Annexes,*

27. 1. *Particular statement of the lewd and fraudulent dealing of William Fulwood against Henry Francklande and John Martin, alias Charlett, by whom he had been put in trust to receive a sum of money from one Grymsdich.*

June? 28. Brief note by the Fellows of Caius College of their proceedings against the Master of their College, from the very beginning until the present time.

June? 29. John Johnson to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. For a suit to be made to Her Majesty touching the better answering of the customs for tin, lead, leather, butter, cheese, and all other staple commodities of the realm.

June? 30. A rate of the prices to be set upon all wools in the staples to be erected in sundry places in England. Evil practices of Martin De la Fayle in the sale of wools in London.

June? 31. Declaration by John Johnson of the profit, honour, fame, and commodity to Her Majesty and the whole realm, by the erection and ordaining of marts and staple of cloth to be kept in England by the Merchant Adventurers.

June? 32. John Johnson to Walsyngham. A discourse, showing the privilege of the Merchants of the Staple to transport cloth into the Low Countries as well as the Merchant Adventurers.

June? 33. Objections and answers touching licences given to transport wools out of the realm to others than to the Merchants of the Staple.

June? 34. Declaration by the Merchants of the Staple of England to the Queen and Council, of the advantages to be gained by restoring the Merchants of the Staple to their ancient trade, and the erection of staples in England for the sale of wool.

June? 35. Petition of Daniel Barnes to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. For a licence to transport 200 cloths, custom free, for the private use of the Duke of Brunswick.

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June ? 36. Certificate by Michael Molyns, sheriff of Berkshire, of all the Recusants remaining in the county gaol, the names of the nuns there, and of those who have been delivered out of the said gaol.

June ? 37. Names of certain Recusants: Francis Yate, Richard Cleyborne, Francis Bastarde, Henry Vause, Trevenner Roscarrocke, William Campion, and others.

June ? 38. List of the notablest Recusants yet remaining prisoners in Winchester, and elsewhere: Wm. Burley, Nicholas Scroope, James Braybrooke, Dr. Oxenbridge, and others.

June ? 39. Memorandum by Walsyngham of certain points to be resolved on by the justices of Wales.

June ? 40. Note of the fees of the Clerk of the Fines in the Marches of Wales, and reasons, showing why the fees and expenses are greater in one year than another.

June ? 41. Note of money owing to certain merchants for spices provided by them for Her Majesty's household in the 23d and first half of the 24th years of her reign.

July 1. 42. Protestation and denial by Mr. Thomas Howard of any dealings directly or indirectly in the marriage of Edw. Lord Beauchamp with [Honora Rogers] the sister of Andrew Rogers. Had only employed himself between Andrew Rogers and the Lady Mary daughter of the Duchess of Somerset.

July 1 ? 43. The confession of John Marshe, of Fyfylde-Magdalen, in the county of Dorset, yeoman, taken before the Earl of Hertford. Had seen Sir Richard Rogers but once since Whitsuntide. Particulars of the conveying away of Lord Beauchamp.

July 1. Fulham. 44. John Piers, Bishop of Salisbury, to Walsyngham. Sends certificate of the Recusants in his diocese, of those who have been indicted and convicted, and those not yet convicted. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Names of such persons in the county of Berks as refuse to come to their parish church, and are not indicted.*

July 2. Hereford. 45. Sir Henry Sydney, Lord President of Wales, to Burghley. State of the receipts and commodities answerable to Her Majesty by assessment of fines. Profits accruing to the Council and Officers of the Marches of Wales. Excessive fines on penal laws. State of the expenditure.

July 3. 46. Lady Mervin to Walsyngham. Her daughter [Elizabeth] Bowrne is unwilling to be reconciled to her husband [Anthony Bowrne]. Desires to know what law she can have against him. Money placed in Sir John Conway's hands, by Bowrne, at his going beyond sea.

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July 4. 47. P. H. to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Has been in the country with Mr. Marshall. Cannot find a priest to officiate at the marriage of Mr. Marshall's son, and therefore he agreed to be married according to the English laws, and were asked in church.

July 5. The Court at Greenwich. 48. Walsyngham (?) to Mr. Cartewrite. It is Her Majesty's pleasure he should remove from thence, who taketh his being there offensively. Desires him to undertake an answer to the Papist's Testament, and other books of the Jesuits; for which he should be allowed 100*l.* a year.

July 5. The Duchy House at the Savoy. 49. Sir Ralph Sadleir to Walsyngham. Gives his opinion that the two justiceships for the County Palatine of Lancashire ought to be continued. Importance of their duties.

July 6. St. Peter's Hill. 50. Tho. Randolphe to Same. Will do his best with Mr. Knollys to end the controversy between Dr. Becon and Mr. Fletcher. Is sorry the posts for Ireland were to be discharged. Speaks in behalf of two men of Romney, Kent, sent to the Marshalsea. Desires to be informed if Her Majesty intends to make a Progress, that he may lay the posts in that direction.

July 6. 51. Estimate of the First Fruits, and declaration of the Tenths due before Christmas last.

July 6. 52. Declaration of the Tenths due by the Clergy at Christmas, anno Reg. Eliz. 24.

July 6. Middle Temple. 53. John Popham, Attorney General, to Walsyngham. Sends information, received from Dr. Hammond, against certain persons disaffected to Her Majesty. *Incloses,*

53. I. *Dr. John Hammond to Popham. Sends a seditious pamphlet found in the church porch of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, 6 July,* 1582. *Incloses,*

53. II. *A censure upon the answers of Mr. Bosgrave and Mr. Orton set forth in print. Found in the church porch of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, by the sexton coming to ring the bell in the morning to the lecture, at 6 o'clock.*

July 10. Westminster. 54. The Queen to the Sheriff of London. Order to apprehend Paul De la Haye, Loys Says, and Alexander Mellen, merchant strangers, suspected of treasonable designs against the realm.

July 10? 55. Petition of Paul De la Haye, Loys Says, and Alexander Mellen, merchants of the Low Countries, complaining of their unjust imprisonment on a writ of "Ne exeas Regnum" procured by Dr. Fabian Niffy upon false informations.

July 10.? 56. Condition of the bond of Paul De la Haye and others, not to quit the realm without special licence.

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July 11. Westminster. 57. Grant by the Queen to John Tyffen of two sheepgates called Estcote and Westcote, with a fishery called the Cowpes, and an eel fishery in the lordship of Holme-Cultram, &c., in the county of Cumberland, on surrender of Christopher Matthew, the former lessee. Latin.

July 13. London. 58. Dr. Lewes to Walsyngham. Has shown him all his writings touching Sir Fr. Drake's voyage. Particulars of them. The proclamation of King Antonio may act against English subjects. Advises safe-conducts should be given to Her Majesty's subjects trading to the Spanish possessions.

July 15. 59. Account of the total of the bullion and foreign coin remaining in the receipt of the Exchequer.

July 16. 60. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Desires to hear of Her Majesty's health. Informs him confidentially that Mr. Flower thinks to be appointed Mint Master. He has already encroached upon the custody of the treasure of the First Fruits. Wishes to know what will become of Buxton, which is good only for wounds, and to such as get health by journeying to and fro.

July 17. Croydon. 61. Archbishop Grindal to same. Will answer Her Majesty's letters and Mr. Beale's, as soon as his weak health will serve him.

July 19. London. 62. *P. H.* to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Information given by Mr. Carter's wife touching Lord Lumley, Mr. Smythe, and Caynes, by whose means her husband had been sent to the Tower. Suggests Smythe and Caynes should be arrested. Carter is acquainted with all the secret dealings of the Papists.

July 26. The Court. 63. Dr. Val. Dale to Burghley. Has perused the book touching the title of the competitors for the kingdom of Portugal. Right of Don Antonio. *Incloses,*

63. I. *The controversy between the King of Spain and Don Antonio, for the kingdom of Portugal. Descent of the title of Portugal from King Emanuel.*

63. II. *Note from "Bartol. de Dignitatibus" on the position of a Prince out of his territory.*

July 27. Westminster. 64. Burghley to Walsyngham. Considerations how the Mint might be re-established. History of the Mint and manner of coinage from the time of Henry VIII.; fees of officers, &c. Requests him to communicate with the Earl of Leicester and Mr. Vice Chamberlain, and then to impart it to Her Majesty.

July 27. 65. Notarial instrument of the sentence of divorce between Gawin Champernowne and his wife Lady Robarda Champernowne, *alias* Mungumbrie, for adultery with Christopher Melhuishe and John Gatchell, domestic servants.

July 30. 66. Note of certain things to be contained in Her Majesty's letter to the Lord President and Council for the Marches of Wales.

July 30. 67. Fair copy of the above.

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July 30. 68. The Queen to the Lord President and Council of Wales. In conformity with the preceding. Stay of proceedings and levying of fines on the penal statutes, till further notice, excepting such as are therein mentioned. Reduction to be made in foreign and extraordinary expenses.

July 30? 69. An additional article in the instructions for Wales, for regulating the duties and practice of the Attorney General of that court.

July 31. 70. Account of wages due to the posts for Ireland for 10 months, ending the last of July 1582, signed Thomas Randolphe.

July. 71. "Extract of a secret letter sent to the Countess of Shr[ewsbury]," with another dated in July, by Mr. Charles Cavendishe." Cavendish suggests the Queen there [of Scots] should write a letter in his behalf, with reference to the knowledge of some person. Answer of the Queen of Scots to Lady Shrewsbury. Is glad to hear of her and her little niece (Arbella Stuart). Would in this case, full of compassion, do all the good she might; but thinks her writing a letter about her son would be hazardous.

July. 72. Anne Lady Hopton to Mr. Beale, clerk of the Council. Desires him to speak to Mr. Secretary in behalf of Mr. Mewe and his wife, for his liberty; truly the gentlewoman is very great with child.

July. 73. "Advertisements from sundry partes." An epitome of foreign intelligence. Proceedings in opening the Diet at Augsburg, arrival of Princes and States; propositions read in the Diet. Italy: the young gentleman of Scotland [Admirable Crichton], who became so famous in Italy for his disputing, is now lately slain in Mantua. Spanish news. Constantinople: ceremonies at the feast of the circumcision of the Sultan's eldest son; on the third day a great banquet to the people, 5,000 sheep ready dressed, 7,000 platters of rice, 40 beasts, and sundry other meats; feats of strength; cruel exhibitions by 50 Turks; some opened their own bellies, planting standards in the wounds, and so marched about till they fell down dead; descent of a Turk "from the toppe of the Pyramides into the market place." War with Persia.

July? 74. Petition of Gilbert Peppit to the Council. Complains of Simon Knight, late Mayor of Exeter, who marvellously vexed him in the law for accusing him of the escape of Clinton Atkinson the pirate, two years since.

July? 75. Inventory of books belonging to various Papists, classed under their names:—Mr. George Cotton, Sir Tho. Fitzherbert, Mr. Wm. Shelley, Mr. Simon Norwich, Philip Tremayne, Mr. Owen, Mr. Erasmus Sanders, Mr. James Martin, Mr. William Taulk, Mr. Anstay, Mr. Halsey, and Mr. Fra. Trug. . . . .

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July? 76. Information sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham of Richard Hadocke, a priest, who keepeth with his brother at Cottam Hall, near Preston. Dr. Allen is uncle to the said Hadocke and to Geo. Hadocke, prisoner in the Tower. Also of Robert Pitts, a priest, of Oxfordshire, brother of Arthur Pitts, also prisoner in the Tower.

July? 77. Note of proceedings in a suit at law between Jerome Benalio and one Woodrofe, about the purchase of a quantity of wool bought of Richard Baynes by Humfrey Mercer for Jerome Benalio. Benalio's factious course in the suit, whereby Woodrofe "with his "poore wife and six little children" were in danger to be utterly undone. [*Imperfect.*]

July? 78. Articles declaring the effect of the matter in controversy between Jerome Benalio, Robert Woodroff, and Richard Baynes, together with the indirect dealings of the said Woodroff and Baynes.

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Aug. 4. Chester. 1. Justices of Cheshire to the Council. Object to pay an allowance to Robt. Worseley, overseer of the New Fleet in Salford, for relief of the recusants there. Have been at great charge in keeping their own prisoners at Chester, and request that the recusants of their county may be committed to their proper gaol, according to the liberties of the County Palatine.

Aug. Poissy. 2. Thomas Browne to Oliver Manerynge at Rome. His affection and regard for him. Desires him to procure payment of 16 crowns owing to him by Mr. Tychebourne, being in great necessity. Sends commendations to Mr. Talbot and Mr. Paulet.

Aug. 4. Poissy. 3. Same to Lord Copley. Excuses his neglect in writing. Has received a letter by Mr. Sturton, Lady Morley's nephew. Desires to hear of his uncle's arrival.

Aug. 5. At the Court. 4. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. The Earl of Leicester and Mr. Vice-Chamberlain allow of the course he has taken for the placing of the two officers. Condition of Mr. Alderman Martyn's bond for supplying the Mint with bullion. Mons. Marchement presses for the money promised.

Aug. 6. Bury. 5. Petition of the Poor Inhabitants of Bury St. Edmund's to the Council. In behalf of Mr. Handson and Mr. Gayton, formerly ministers of their town, who have long instructed them in the Gospel of Salvation, but now by malicious accusations have been forced to abandon their ministry, to the unspeakable grief of the inhabitants of the town.

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Aug. 8. The Court. 6. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Sends a copy of the privy seal for such a sum of money as the Queen is pleased to send to the Duke of Anjou. Desires him to give directions to Mr. Sommers for the manner of the close handling of the matter, so as there may be no great speech had thereof.

Aug. 8. Theobalds. 7. Burghley to Walsyngham. Mr. Martin has sent him an account of the quantity of bullion and coin in the Mint. It is better the money were expended "than that Spain should crow "over us in the Low Countries."

Aug. 8. Winchester. 8. Bishop Watson to Same. Requests instructions how to proceed with John Chapman, a seminary and massing priest. The gaol has so many backward people that they thought it not good to commit either the priest or Mrs. Bullacre thither. *Incloses,*

8. I. *Examination of John Chapman, seminary priest, taken before the Bishop of Winchester, Francis Cotton, and William Wright, Esqrs. Course of his defection from the English church, his travels abroad, and return to England.*

Aug. 10. 9. Substance of the examinations taken concerning James Lessman, a Franciscan friar, very lately returned from beyond the seas, formerly vicar of Tarbeck, co. Worcester. He was apparelled in a cloak of rat's colour, lined with green baize, the cape of tuffed taffata, red and blue, his "girkin and gascoyns" of the colour of his cloak, his doublet white, and stockings of his hose "of a bluishe or "murrey colour."

Aug. 11. Paris. 10. Richard Hopkins to Walsyngham. Presents him with one of his books, now translated and published in the English tongue, which contains nothing proscribed by any laws of the realm. Hopes he will read it, and trusts that it may slack that fervent zeal which Walsyngham hath against the ancient catholic religion and its professors, whereof he was noted to be one of the most severe persecutors.

Aug. 11. Bury. 11. Sir Robt. Jermyn, Sir John Heigham, and others, to the Council. Detail their proceedings in the attempt to allay the disputes at Thetford. Are of opinion that the Mayor and his associates are very cold in the cause of religion, and never yet would consent to entertain a preacher. [*On the 15th June, 1582, Sir Robt. Jermyn, Sir Wm. Spryng, and others, were directed by the Council to examine a controversy grown among the inhabitants of Thetford and to report thereon. Co. Reg.*] *Incloses,*

11. I. *Particulars of the demeanor of Tho. Allen, Mayor of Thetford, and the rest of his associates, Wm. Davie, the chief author of all the factions, Wm. Stevenson, is a very wicked and incontinent man, and yet rejoiceth therein.*

11. II. *Causes of the controversies in the borough of Thetford, relative to their election of officers.*

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11. III. *The causes that moved the Mayor and Burgesses to make choice of Mr. [Robert] Goldinge for Recorder of the borough of Thetford, after receiving the Council's letter. This is signed by [Thomas Allen, ∆ Mayor his marke, and several others of the corporation, with their marks.]*

Aug. 12. The Court. 12. Walsyngham to Burghley. Answer received by the English Ambassador in France; and it seems, although they have lost all hope of the marriage, yet they entertain it on account of the advantages they derive at the expense of England. Sends letters from Sir Nicholas Malby. Has lost all hope of reformation of Ireland. The Queen removes to Oatlands on Friday next.

Aug. 12. 13. Note of foreign money and bullion delivered to Mr. Somers for Her Majesty's service. [*Probably to be conveyed to the Duke of Anjou.*]

Aug. 12. Theobalds. 14. Burghley to Walsyngham. Is of opinion the 500*l.* for August ought not to be delivered to Farnando Poyntz till he had made certificate of the provisions already provided for the works at Dover Haven.

Aug. 14. Dover. 15. Lord Cobham, John Garrett, mayor, and other Commissioners for Dover Haven, to Sir Henry [Thomas ?] Scott, treasurer of the works of Dover Haven. Desire payment of 445*l.* to Farnando Poyntz, he having already received 500*l.* to be employed on the works at Dover.

Aug. 14. Dover. 16. Same to Sir Tho. Scott, treasurer for Dover Harbour. To pay 55*l.* to Farnando Poyntz for the works at Dover.

[Aug. 14.] 17. Note of provisions and necessaries for the works at Dover, bought by Mr. Poyntz and the Commissioners.

Aug. 14. Nonesuch. 18. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has received news from the Azores of the near approach of the conflict between the Spanish and Portugal fleets. Has written to Lord Cobham touching the 500*l.* demanded by Poyntz.

Aug. 15. 19. Note of the prices of munition appointed to be sent to Newcastle.

Aug. 15. Nonesuch. 20. Walsyngham to Lord Cobham. Sends him the form of warrants for the receipt of money for Dover Haven.

Aug. 16. Cobham. 21. Lord Cobham to Sir Tho. Scott and other Commissioners for Dover Haven. Sends the letter from Mr. Secretary pointing out a mistake in the form of the warrant for payment of money to Mr. Poyntz. The old warrants returned.

Aug. 16. Greenwich. 22. Earl of Huntingdon to Walsyngham. Has heard more of the dealings of Lord Montjoy than he trusts is true. Desires to be heard before any alterations be made in the orders already set down.

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Aug 16. Weymouth. 23. John Donne to Sir F. Walsyngham. News of the capture of the isle of St. Michael by the French. Engagement between the Spanish and the French fleet under the Count de Brisack, in the service of Don Antonio, in which the French lost ten ships.

Aug. 19. 24. Walsyngham to Burghley. The news of the defeat of Don Antonio was not known in Paris by the 13th instant, as he learnt from Horatio Palavicino. Money made over by way of exchange on Antwerp for the Duke [of Anjou]. Sickness of the Lord Chamberlain.

Aug. 21. Oatlands. 25. Same to same. The Earl of Shrewsbury has obtained permission to repair to the Court, on finding some confidential person to take his charge. He has nominated Mr. Worley, and the Queen desires his opinion as to his loyalty. The news of Don Antonio's defeat has not been confirmed.

Aug. 23. Oatlands. 26. Walsyngham to the Earl of Huntingdon (?) Explains a doubt as to the ordering of the stuff made in the mines during the sequestration, and the money to be paid to Lord Montjoy.

Aug. 24. 27. Names of the persons found at mass in the Marshalsea, in the chambers of Mr. Shelly, Mr. Pierpoint, and Mr. Denton. Their superstitious stuff, their abominable relics, and their vile books, have been taken away.

Aug. 24. Hook. 28. William Marquis of Winchester to Walsyngham. Desires that the writ of restitution directed to Mr. Bruncker, the sheriff, for delivery of possession of Edington Woods, in Wiltshire, may be stayed till the end of next term.

Aug. 25? 29. W. Williams to same. Secret advertisements. Intelligence procured by him from some Papists. Substance of his disclosures. All the hopes of the Papists are in Scotland. Lord Copley intended shortly to come over into England, and had sworn the death of all preachers and ministers. Dr. Allen is at Rheims, and hath great watch for English spies, &c.

Aug. 27. 30. Same to same. Secret advertisements. Further confessions of his notorious Papist. The Papists chiefly rely on the aid of Scotland. He states the Duke of Bedford to be a puritan, and keeps his pass-over every Easter. Discourse between the Queen and the French Ambassador on the subject of religion.

Aug. 27? 31. The confession of a servant of Sir Thos. Copley's, a papist, being prisoner at Rye. Vow of Copley to have every preacher and minister in England hanged in the church with the bell ropes. Secret writing with orange juice. His cunning deception in procuring a passport from Walsyngham. He was secretary to the Lady of Northumberland. [*Probably sent with the above letter.*]

Aug. 28. 32. Note of the remain of bullion and foreign coin in the Receipt of the Exchequer on the 28th of August.

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Aug. 30. 33. Note of silver bullion appointed to be delivered by Her Majesty's warrant to certain Aldermen of London, and unto Mr. Customer Smyth.

Aug. 30. Fulham. 34. John Aylmer, Bishop of London, to the Earl of Leicester. Cannot at present offer further information of the causes which moved the Commissioners to stay Dr. Powell from the execution of his jurisdiction. Such a man is neither fit to be a judge nor a priest.

Aug. 31. Lancaster. 35. Baron John Clenche and Justice Francis Gaudy to the Council. Certify their proceedings against the recusants in their circuit. Continuation of process against those recusants who did not appear. *Inclosing,*

35. I. *Certificate of the names and "haviours" of the principal recusants convicted in the North parts at the summer assizes; stating their names and the value of their lands and other property.*

Sept. 3. Apthorp. 36. Sir Walter Mildmay to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. The letters from Berwick were not enclosed in his last packet. The matter of Scotland is a merciful work of God towards us. The return of the Earl of Angus with surety is desirable, specially in the direction of the King's marriage.

Sept. 3. Rye. 37. W. Williams to same. Secret advertisements. Has obtained as much as he can out of his obstinate Papist, in which he cannot detect any present conspiracy against the Queen. He has set down the names of all the rebels beyond seas. The post named Large was a great conveyer of Papists' letters.

Sept. 3. 38. Accusation exhibited against Thomas Andrews, Thos. Allen, and John Knappe, jurats of the town and port of Dover, by certain of the commons of the said town.

Sept. 3. 39. Note taken by the Viewers appointed of the well-manning and strong setting forth of ships intended on their voyage for Spain and Portugal; mustered, viewed, and seen the 5th of September, 1582, at Gravesend.

Sept. 5. 40. Commission to John Whytgifte, Bishop of Worcester, Sir Geo. Bromley, Justice of Chester, Dr. Wm. Aubrey, Fabian Phillips, and Dr. Thos. Wilson dean of Worcester, to hold a visitation of the Cathedral Church of Hereford. Mutilated.

Sept. 5. 41. Copy of the above; before the mutilations.

Sept. 5. 42. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. Forgot to impart his imperial news to the Queen. His conversation with Mauvissière on the affairs of Scotland. Her Majsety is slow to believe that the great increase of Papists is of danger to the realm: "the Lord of "His mercye open her eyes." Reformation of the commission of the peace; notorious Papists not to be inserted, and numbers of base men should be left out; even attorneys, and no better, are by heaps put into the commission.

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Sept. 12. Oatlands. 43. Sir Tho. Heneage to Leicester. Writes by the Queen's desire, as she finds Mr. Vice-Chamberlain's head not well able to endure to write. Affairs of Scotland. That the King had commanded the Duke (of Lennox) forthwith to leave Edinburgh, and to quit Scotland before the 20th of the month. Illness of the Lord Chamberlain. The plague at Windsor and Eton.

Sept. 14. 44. Lord Henry Howard to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his kind advice, and desires to be restored to Her Majesty's favor. Protests that the prophecy touching Her Majesty was utterly unknown to him, and that he had no knowledge of the book of babies in my Lord of Oxford's hands. Sues only for trial by extremity or restitution by favor.

Sept. 18. 45. W. Williams to same. Secret advertisements touching Papists. Has got what he could out of his man, who is a dangerous character. Large, the post, was a bad man and carries many evil letters.

Sept. 21. Canterbury. 46. Tho. Maynwaring to same. Thanks him for his assistance in his suit for the farm of Brookesend in Thanet. Has delivered his letters to the Dean of Christchurch, but has not yet received an answer.

Sept. 21. Cambridge. 47. Dr. Andrew Perne to [Lord Burghley]. Affairs of the University of Cambridge. Unjust reports against Mr. Skinner in the matter of the Proctorship. Device for ending the difference between Mr. Swale and Mr. Pamant. Sends him a copy of the Privileges of the University. His conference with Mr. Fecknam four years ago.

Sept. 22. Wullaton House. 48. Francis Wyllughby to Sir Wm. Catesby. Has with the Mayor of Nottingham examined the late case of felony, wherein Mason, Catesby's servant, had been wrongfully defamed.

Sept. 23. Cambridge. 49. Dr. Roger Goade and others to Burghley. Their proceedings relative to the controversy in Gonville and Caius College. The statutes of the college require amendment. *Inclosing,*

49. I. *Order taken in the controversy in Gonville and Caius College touching the increase of the Master's stipend, and the* 10*l. laid upon the college, being the Master's charges when he was in trouble in London.*

Sept. 24. Rye. 50. John Hammond to Christopher Turnor at Paris or Rheims. Desires him to convey a letter to his master at Bar-sous-Sayne, as secretly as possible, as it was of great importance.

Sept. 26. 51. John Bill to Tho. Fulham at the sign of the Three Horse Shoes in Budge Row. Complains of his very unreasonable dealing with him to detain his gun thus long, on pretence of a debt owing for two pairs of stockings. He owes the widow for only one pair, price 11*s.*, and that is more than they are worth. His father has been chosen Chamberlain of Colchester.

Sept. 28. Tottenham. 52. Lord Edward Beauchamp to Walsyngham. His being with his father was trouble to him and disquietude to himself. His

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grief groweth upon him daily for the want of that which he would gladly enjoy. If he has offended Her Majesty, it causes a far greater grief, as he had no mind to offend in what he has done. Desires to be delivered from his father's custody.

Sept. 29. Accompt of Charles Booth, receiver-general of Fines and Amerciaments in the Principality of Wales, from Michaelmas 1579 to Michaelmas 1582 inclusive. [*Case F. Eliz., No.* 4.]

Sept. 29. 53. Charges of all the embroideries done for Her Majesty's use within the office of the wardrobe for one year, ending at Michaelmas 1582, amounting to the sum of 881*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*

Sept. 29. 54, 55. Account of Receipts of Robert Bacon, from the 23d of December 1581 till Michaelmas 1582. "*For* 8 *buttons of gold for my Mrs. wedding gloves,* LX*s.*" Indorsed by Burghley, "Extracted out of Rob. Bacon's book of payementes for Mr. Wm. Wentworth." Two papers.

Sept.? 56. Note of inquisitions touching goods washed up by the sea on the coast of Kent and Sussex.

Sept.? 57. Note of indictments for piracy at the sessions of Dover and Sandwich.

Sept.? 58. Note for a request to the Queen for grant of a wood in the parish of Berry, in the bishoprick of Chichester, for repair of Dover Haven, now in the Queen's hands by the death of the late Bishop. [*Bishop Cortesse died August,* 1582.]

Sept.? 59. Petition of John Prycharde to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires a warrant for protection from an action brought against him by Tho. Britton out of malice, for having informed against certain Papists: and soliciting his favor in behalf of Mrs. Jane Shelley. *Incloses,*

59. 1. *Articles exhibited in behalf of Mrs. Jane Shelley against the servants of Wm. Shelley her husband, for forcibly entering and keeping possession of her house and land at Sutton in Herefordshire, seizing her papers, cutting down woods, and other abuses. Insults by them to Ric. Walwyn, Esq., high sheriff of the county.*

Sept. 60. Note of the number of persons appointed to attend upon the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer, at Hertford, and scale of diets for themselves and their servants.

Oct. 2. Hedingham Castle. 61. Copy of Court Roll of the Manor of Hedingham Castle, held before Edward Vere Earl of Oxford, for the admission of Matthew Ellyston to a butcher's shop and other premises in the village of Hedingham, on surrender of William Mosse.

Oct. 3. London. 62. Jaco. Mannucci to Walsyngham. Solicits a warrant to John Pine to keep in safe custody Lucio Roseo, a Roman, one of the Spanish prisoners brought from Limerick in Ireland, till he may pay his ransom to Sir William Wynter. Italian.

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Oct. 6. Bury. 63. Sir Robert Jermyn and others to the Council. Certify their further proceedings in settling the controversy in the borough of Thetford. The Recorder Golding has negligently, if not wilfully, acted contrary to their Lordships' directions. On one side are some godly and honest men, on the other a set inclined only to overthrow every good and honest purpose.

Oct. 7. Waltham. 64. Jaco. Mannucci to Walsyngham. Presses for the warrant for the apprehension of Lucio Roseo. Italian.

Oct. 8. 65. Inhabitants of Norfolk to the Council. Being sore vexed, despoiled, and many utterly consumed, by the rigor and extremity of John Ferror, whose usury, extortion, oppression, imbracery, and maintenance do .n extend and stretch themselves over a great part of that county. Particulars of his evil doings. His efforts to remove Ralph Agas from his benefice.

[Oct. 8.] 66. Extract out of the Rolls of Ministers' accounts of the rents of certain lands at Acombe and the manors of Alne, Tollerton, &c., in the county of York, parcel of the lands of Edward Duke of Somerset.

Oct. 10. 67. The effect of the controversy between John Reynolds, of Lincoln's Inn, Recorder of Thetford, and one Davye and others of that town. Davye and Golding ordered to attend the Council.

Oct. 10. 68. Objections against William Davye and Robert Golding, of Thetford.

Oct. 10. Cambridge. 69. Dr. Tho. Legge to Lord Burghley. Expresses his gratitude on being appointed to the office of Commissary to the University. Mr. Rabbett has been displaced from his fellowship, but he will do what he can for his restitution.

Oct. 10. Cambridge. 70. Dr. William Fulke, Vice-Chancellor, to same. Opinion of himself and others on the state of Gonville and Caius College. Recommends that that and all the colleges of the University should be visited and reformed by further authority from Her Majesty.

Oct. 10. Cambridge. 71. Richard Swale and others, Fellows of Gonville and Caius College, to Lord Burghley. Continuance of the contention in their college maintained by Mr. Gerard, who with his associates have appealed from the sentence of the Visitors.

Oct. 10? 72. Articles to be exhibited to the Privy Council concerning certain injuries offered by Sir Henry Cromwell to Sir Henry Darcy —his disrespectful manner in sending a copy of the Council's letter relating to the subsidy, displacing Sir H. Darcy from his proper position in the commission of the Peace, &c. Sir. H. Darcy requests to know at what rate Sir H. Cromwell should be assessed for the subsidy.

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Oct. 11. 73. Answer of Sir H. Cromwell to Sir Henry Darcy's complaint. Insulting return of the Council's letter by Darcy, imputing to Cromwell in effect, "not only to be a liar, but a falsifier of the Council's letters."

Oct. [11.] 74. Sir Henry Darcy's private notes for answer to such objections as Sir Hen. Cromwell may bring against him, relative to the execution of his duty in the commission of the Peace. Arbitrary conduct of Sir H. Cromwell.

Oct. 12. Rouen. 75. Sir Tho. Copley to Walsyngham. Has remained almost three years in France patiently expecting some mercy from home; but now he is of very necessity driven to take another course. He leaves his wife and family at Rouen. Never heard the report that Walsyngham sought to procure the killing of Dr. Allen. He still hopes to be restored to Her Majesty's favor.

Oct. 13. Salford. 76. Sir Ed. Trafforde and Robert Worsley to the Council. Certify the state of the recusants in the gaol of Salford. Enumerates the names of those who continue in their former obstinate opinions. Want of a preacher.

Oct. 22. 77. Sir Amyas Poulet to Walsyngham. Has left Somerset for the winter on account of his health, but the sickness being in London, he shall return to the country, to his house at Sampford Peverell in Devon. Desires him to favor his suit for a lease of the church of Bristol and for the patronage of the benefice of Sampford Peverell. *Incloses,*

77. 1. *State of the case of the advowson of Sampford Peverell, and of the parsonage of South Petherton.*

Oct. 22. 78. General orders agreed upon by the Justices of Peace at Winchester, relative to the management of the House of Correction.

Oct. 23. Paris. 79. Charles Paget to Walsyngham. Intends going to Rouen for his health, and to drink English beer. Professes dutiful allegiance to Her Majesty, and readiness to be employed in any service; matter of conscience in religion only excepted.

Oct. 25. London. 80. John Johnson to same. His opinion that it will be more profitable to continue the generality of the staple than the trade of transporting cloths. *Incloses,*

80. 1. *A plan for the employment of the French refugees in the manufacture of cloth and the erection of a staple for wool in London.*

Oct. 28. 81. Conditions offered by the Earl of Huntingdon for the settlement of the controversy between him and Lord Montjoy.

Oct. 82. Turner's journal of a voyage from England to Venice by way of the Rhine and Upper Germany; with notes on the churches, remarkable adventures, and expenses, &c., on the route.

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Oct. 83. Memorial of money disbursed by the Treasurer of the ships, Wm. Borough, in anno 1581, with a request for money for provision of additional cordage; some Russia cordage may be had presently for ready money, that cordage being the best brought into this country.

Oct. 84. Considerations to move Her Majesty to grant Mr. Henry Unton's suit, for the custody of his mother, Anne Countess of Warwick, wife of the late Sir Edw. Unton. [*In October* 1582 *the Countess of Warwick, relict of Sir Edw. Unton, was declared of unsound mind.*]

Oct. 85. An order for endorsing of proclamations upon fines, and for custody of original writs.

Nov. 2. 86. Articles of agreement indented between Sir Humphrey Gilberte and such of Hampton [Southampton] as adventure with him; as also with other Merchant Adventurers, touching new lands to be discovered or conquered by him.

[Nov. 6.] 87. Report or prospectus for the voyage of discovery to be undertaken by Sir Humphrey Gilberte. The nature of the country and the advantages of its trade. Detail of early voyages of discovery in America and Canada. [*Imperfect.*]

88. Another copy of part of the above, with several preliminary passages; but also imperfect.

Nov. 6. 89. Tho. Bellot to Lord Burghley. Perilous state of Mr. William
Theobalds? Wentworth. On Monday, at 9 at night, he made his will, and was now lying delirious. "Mrs. Wentworth [Burghley's daughter] was "fayne to be brought to him, for he was so earnest and toke on so "that they could not denye him."

Nov. 10. 90. Note of Mr. William Wentworth's debts at the time of his death.

Nov. 12. 91. Sir John Zowche of Codnor to Burghley. Refers to the
Alfreton. interest he formerly had in the marriage of his daughter with Lord Zowche. But now great misliking and discord being between them, he desires that Burghley would use his influence with Lord Zowche, either to alter his conduct, or to make it apparent to the world that he hath just cause thus to use her.

Nov. 13. 92. Edmund Poley to same. Lord Wentworth desires presently to give order for making a tomb for his son. The burial is already performed. Proposition for the settlement of his debts, by taking out letters of administration. Mr. Valentine Pell is the gentleman Mr. R[obert Cecill?] desires may be recommended for his office.

Nov. 13. 93. Note of money due for composition, wheat, and to purveyors, upon the last two surplusages.

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Nov. 14. Southampton. 94. Willliam Barwyke, Mayor, and others of Southampton, to the Council. Arrest of five Portuguese Jesuits. The chief states himself to be Rector of a College of Jesuits in the city of Angra in the Isle of Terceira. Five other Jesuits in another ship.

Nov. 15. Eridge. 95. Henry Lord Abergavenny to Burghley. Desires him to take order for the apprehension of those suspected of the shameful murder of his man. He suspects other persons, but they are so bolstered and borne out by some in the shire that he cannot apprehend them.

Nov. 17. 96. P. H. to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Information of a letter sent by Dr. Henshawe, a seminary priest, to a friend, stating that he, with Father Holte and Father Heywood, Jesuits, had spent three months in Staffordshire, and had converted 228 persons to the Catholic faith.

Nov. 18. London. 97. Mrs. Ka. Killigrew to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for granting Mr. Killigrew's suit and showing favor to young Jonathan. Her sorrow for his late loss.

Nov. 18. 98. Walsyngham to same. The Russia Company request payment of the money due to them for wax taken these two years past for the use of Her Majesty's Household.

Nov. 19. 99. —— to ——, his brother. Hopes he and beloved Isabel are well. Hopes to see them again before death. Uncertainty of human life. Refers all to the narration of the bearer

Nov. 20. 100. William Alison to his wife. Desires to hear from her. Fears the loss of letters and property sent to her. Has deferred his intended journey for the winter. Desires her not to be dainty of her writing.

Nov. 20. Mulgrave. 101. Roger Radclyffe, constable of Raby Castle, to Lord Burghley. Complains of the disorders committed by John Baithe, farmer of the herbage and pannage of Raby Park, in hunting with greyhounds and long bows.

Nov. 20. 102. Barnard Mawde to Robt. Stapleton. Has written and solemnly sealed the B. B.'s letter [Archbp. Sandys?], to the effect that he has written to and talked with the man, and finds him without regard of friend, faith, honesty, or oath, and wholly bent to feed the humours of his counterfeit enemy.

Nov. 21. Hertford Castle. 103. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has sent the 500*l.* the Queen desired. Returns him letters and papers, such as the grave orders for the French King's household; matters for the more part for a Lord of Misrule. No one has died near him of any infectious disease, as supposed by Her Majesty; but two famous cutpurses, one named Over, have died by the hands of justice. Survey of beds in Hertford for strangers: 577 in one parish, and 451 in another, so that there are lying two in a bed above 2,000 people.

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Nov. 23. 104. E—— D—— to his cousin C——. He departed in such haste that he could not bid him farewell. Has been well received by Dr. Allen. Exhorts him to continue in the faith.

Nov. 23. 105. Same to his cousin E——. Religious exhortations to continue steadfast in his faith, for now is the time of his trial. Himself and his cousin George are as well contented with their penury, as he could be with his abundance.

Nov. 23. 106. Same to his brother H. D. Advice and exhortation on religious matters.

Nov. 26. At the Court. 107. Walsyngham to Burghley. Her Majesty wishes to see him and the Lord Chancellor at Court as soon as the term is ended, to consult upon the proposition to be made by the French Ambassador. Her Majesty had heard of some persons being dead of the plague.

108. John Mills to his brother Rowland Shafto. Desires to hear from him and receive some money. Commendations to Cousin Harb[ottle ?] and his wife; wishes they were partakers of Christmas with him, they would think it a heavenly Jerusalem, and theirs a stinking styhouse in comparison. Requests him to procure a piece of the body of Arthur Creswells, his father-in-law, and to send it over to him. Prays God to keep him from the hands of villainous heretics.

Nov. 109. Christopher Bagshaw to John Bagshaw his brother. His friends in his banishment are great, his comforts unspeakable. Exhorts him to turn again to the Romish Church; his case is miserable—it is damnable. Fye on his beggarly atheism and most horrible and blasphemous heresy, whereof he is now a promoter. Holds out splendid inducements for him to come over. Prays him to comfort their old father. Cautions him against trusting Owen Ewbanke.

Nov. ? Windsor. 110. The Queen to Lord Burghley. Directions for revocation of the licence granted to Acerbo Velutelli, for the bringing in of currants, sweet wines, and oils from Venice, and granting to [Edw. ?] Cordell, Edward Hombden, Paul Banning, and others, for a limited term, the sole privilege of importing those commodities into England, on the understanding that certain new taxes, imposed upon English subjects in Venice, shall have been discharged.

[Nov.] 111. Grant to William Hurst of the pilotage of all strangers' vessels through the whole realm. With the opinion of the Master and Corporation of the Trinity House of London, that such grant was dangerous, and therefore not convenient to be granted.

Nov. 112. The names of the Sheriffs in England and Wales pricked for the year 1583, anno 25 Eliz.

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Dec. 2. 1. Certificate by Robert Petre, Teller of the Exchequer, of the amount of chested bullion remaining on the 2nd of December.

Dec. 3. Ludlow Castle. 2. Sir Henry Sydney, President, and the Council of Wales to the Council. Have found it necessary to appoint an officer to be the Queen's Remembrancer in the Court of Wales, of which they desire confirmation. *Inclosing,*

2. I. *Order of the President and Council of Wales for the appointment of a Remembrancer to take a perfect note or remembrance of all suits in that Court between party and party. Ludlow,* 30 *Nov.* 1582.

Dec. 4. London. 3. John Johnson to Walsyngham. His former letters relating to the staple for wools require speedy consideration. Urges the advantages of erecting a staple for wool in England, and of employing the French refugees. *Incloses,*

3. I. *Certain articles, with reasons to confirm the same, for the erecting of staples of wools in England to serve strangers.*

Dec. 6. Dover. 4. Farnando Poyntz to Walsyngham. Reports his proceedings in the works at Dover, and in procuring materials for that work. Complains of misreports against him. Began the opening on Thursday last.

Dec. 6. From prison. 5. Pedro de Çubiaur to samé. States his connection with the English nation for fourteen years. Prays him to procure his liberty. Spanish.

Dec. 9. Paris. 6. Philip Strangwaies to his mother Mrs. Elenor Strangwaies. His voyage and arrival at Paris. His greatest care is for her and his sister, for whom he could provide well if she wished to come over to him. Has written to his brother Thomas Strangwaies for money.

Dec. 10. Corfe Castle. 7. Francis Hawley to Walsyngham. Has not been able to prevent the pirates from frequenting the island of Purbeck: they are his masters. Painfulness of his position. Complains of the merchants of Southampton redeeming ships from the pirates without licence; a Flemish ship taken by the archpirate Purser, and 600*l.* offered to him by the Southampton men to redeem her.

Dec. 11. London. 8. John Johnson to same. Further details for establishing the staple for wools in England, and for reforming of the abuses in the Customs. *Incloses,*

8. I. *Reasons alleged for the better confirmation and establishment of a staple to be erected for clothing and drapery of wools in England by strangers, after the manner of the Low Countries.*

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[Dec. 11.] 9. John Johnson to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Observation on the effect of the order to be taken for the transporting of cloths by the Merchants of the Staple, and the manufacture of cloth by the strangers in England.

Dec. [11.] 10. An estimate by John Johnson of the profit that will yearly grow to Her Majesty by the manufacture of cloth in England, by strangers, after the manner of the Low Countries.

Dec. [11]. 11. Another estimate similar to the preceding.

[Dec. 11.] 12. Orders to be observed by the Merchants trading to the mart-towns to be kept in England.

Dec. 12. 13. Additions to the former articles between Sir Humfrey Gilberte and the adventurers with him, touching new lands to be discovered by him. With instructions left by Sir H. Gilberte, unchangeably to be observed; being his final directions previous to his departure. Lists of the noblemen and gentlemen free of the company, and of those who are adventurers with him, and the amount of their shares respectively.

Dec. 12. Dover Castle. 14. Richard Barrey to Walsyngham. Proceedings of Mr. Poyntz in opening the mouth of the haven. Doubts of its success. Mr. Bedwell, his partner, much misliketh the course taken by Poyntz.

Dec. 12. 15. Note of all such parcels as were found in the fardell opened by D. Fletcher in the presence of John Hotham, Esq., and others, of Lewes: several books in print and manuscript, pictures in silk of the greater and lesser sort, Agnus Dei, beads, a piece of the bone of Mary Magdalén, &c. Indorsed "An Inventorie of certaine Popishe stuffe."

Dec. 15. 16. Declaration by Alderman Martyn of the bullion coined in the Tower, for Her Majesty.

Dec. 15. Rye. 17. W. Williams to Walsyngham. Can get nothing more out of the Papist, who only feigns to be reconciled to the Church that he might regain his liberty and then go to Spain. Plan of the traitors for conveying intelligence by secret writing with orange juice. Prays to be released from prison, having lain for a month on the bare floor without any bed.

Dec. 16. Windsor. 18. The Council to the Earl of Pembroke. Desires him, as steward of the city of Salisbury, to hear and determine the controversy between the Mayor and Vintners of the town of Sarum, relative to the standard measure whereby wine is sold.

Dec. 16. 19. Order in Council for the suspension of Admiralty jurisdiction by corporate towns and privileged persons, for the term of three years, for matters of depredations and piracies.

Dec. 18. 20. Note of the increase of Her Majesty's charges for the wardrobe, and the causes why they are higher in anno 24° than in former years.

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Dec. 19. Theobalds. 21. Burghley to Walsyngham. Stay of La Motte from going into Scotland. Mr. Davison will not leave London till next Saturday, which will be his New Year's Day. Is glad Mr. Bowes is in Scotland.

Dec. 19. Dover. 22. Farnando Poyntz to same. Has made another attempt to open the mouth of the harbour; the difficulties attending it by unfavorable weather.

Dec. 19. Dover. 23. Thomas Bedwell to Burghley. Feels the discredit of being associated with Mr. Poyntz in the works at Dover, whose insufficiency and want of skill make all men, yea the simplest that see it, scorn his doings. Has done all he could to advise Poyntz in his work and the course that ought to be pursued, but to no purpose. Makes a proposition for carrying on the work in a different manner.

Dec. 19. Dover. 24. Same to Walsyngham. To the same effect as the preceding. The inutility of Poyntz's works, full of fancies and vain practices, contrary to all reason and experience of workmanship.

Dec. 20. Seven miles from Warwick. 25. George C to Robert Caterall. Assures him of his love and goodwill. Desires to be remembered to Mr. George Talbot and his loving bedfellow, and to many others, by name. Hopes to obtain licence to visit his friends.

Dec. 20. Seven miles from Warwick. 26. Same to Richard Bolton. Excuses his neglect in writing. Desires to be commended to Mr. Robert Talbot and his wife, and many others.

Dec. 21. Paris. 27. William Perse to George or Henry Perse. Was desirous of his company, but thinks he had better remain and take care of their old parents. Sends a token to his father for a New Year's gift; sends also a Calendarium Gregorianum for himself. Other presents. Family affairs.

Dec. 24. 28. Remembrances by Giles Jenkyns for Mr. Samuell, the bearer. To deal with his brother for the money that is owing to him; other money matters.

Dec. 24. Worcester. 29. Bishop Whitgyfte to Walsyngham. Two massing priests taken in Worcestershire, of some account among recusants. Information against other Papists; Thomas Moore and Rees Moore, poor men but very dangerous; the former was Boner's porter in Queen Mary's time. *Incloses,*

29. 1. *The confession and examination of John Felton and Simon Southern, priests, taken by the Bishop of Worcester. Celebration of mass by Felton.*

Dec. 25. Kirtling. 30. Tho. Wylkes to same. Lady Rivett will not consent to the marriage of her daughter with Mr. Knollys, notwithstanding her promise to Her Majesty. Perverse disposition of the maiden who by no means can be wrought to like of a husband, specially of Mr. Knollys. Mr. Knollys has therefore changed his mind, and desires to marry her elder sister. Desires letters from himself and the Earl of Leicester to John Cotton, her uncle, to favor that match.

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Dec. 27. Oxford. 31. The Master and Fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for the care he has taken of their interests. Latin.

Dec. 28. Paris. 32. Tho. Wotton to John Oliver. Desires him to remember his promise, not having heard at all from him. Hopes he has not forgotten the condition of the little token touching Mr. Peytooe's tenant.

Dec. 29. Dover Castle. 33. Richard Barrey to the Council. Has signified to Mr. Poyntz, their commands for the present making of two groynes, for the support of Dover Harbour. Has desired Mr. Bedwell to see that Poyntz does not neglect it.

Dec. Deptford. 34. John Hawkyns to Walsyngham. Has drawn out an estimate of the charges for twelve ships, four belonging to Her Majesty, and eight to private men. Commends Mr. William Borough who fancied he was out of favor for having recommended one Hare for Walsyngham's service.

35. An estimate of the revenues of the Bishoprick of Ely, anno Eliz. 24.

36. A certificate of the brass ordnance remaining in store in the 10th year of Her Majesty's reign; with a note of the brass ordnance provided, bought, and cast of Her Majesty's metal, from 1567 to 1582.

37. Declaration of Her Majesty's service out of the office of the Spicery, weekly: for the privy kitchen, 69*s.* 6¼*d.* the week; for the privy chamber, 19*s.* 11½*d.* a week; besides sundry spices, as sugar, cinnamon, &c., commanded into the privy chamber by Ladies and others for possets, caudles, &c., amounting to 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for a month.

38. Declaration by Mr. Foulkes of the price of spices for two years; viz., the 8th and 23rd of Elizabeth, with the amount of increase in the same.

39. Petition of Christopher Ockland to Walsyngham, for an almsknight's room, now void in the College of Windsor, or the next place that shall fall void.

40. Petition of Thomas Hyllinge to the Council. Prays to be released from the Marshalsea where he has remained for twenty-eight weeks, to his great hindrance and punishment.

41. Licence to Edw. Stanhope, of Gray's Inn, Surveyor-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, to build a house on a piece of his own land in Gray's Inn Lane, notwithstanding the proclamation for restraint of buildings in and about the city of London.

42. List of the particular numbers of the Recusants in various counties certified; amounting in the whole to 1,939.

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43. A general relation of the present state of the town of Southampton; its ancient trade, causes of its decay by riches and luxury, haunting of pirates, shipwrecks, &c.: "in religion we are "cold, to God we be unthankful, to his Word we yield no obedience."

44. State of the town of Southampton, with the causes of its decrease, decay of trade, &c. Suggestions how it may be much bettered and relieved, by the keeping of two free marts in the year, payment of half customs, or exclusive trade with Spain and Portugal.

45. Report containing the names and number of such ships and other vessels, as to the several ports, havens, towns, and places within the counties, limits, and jurisdictions of this realm of England, by certificates, are known to appertain. Addressed by the Earl of Lincoln, Lord High Admiral, "*To my good Lord Tresorer "delyver this.*"

46. Duplicate of the above.

1582? 47. Reasons offered by certain Portuguese Jesuits, seven in number, prisoners at Plymouth, showing that they ought to be set at liberty, and permitted to leave the kingdom. Latin.

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1. Note of imposts levied of late years upon English commodities in France.

2. Note of an Act touching the customs, which strangers born in this realm ought to pay.

3. A Discourse addressed to Sir Fr. Walsyngham touching the unlawful transportation of wool, from various parts of the realm, particularly from Essex and Cornwall.

4. Reasons, on behalf of the city of Chester, to prove that the establishment of a staple for the cottons and friezes of North Wales at West-Chester, would not be detrimental to the town of Shrewsbury.

5. Answer on the behalf of the town of Shrewsbury to the petition and pretences of reasons on the part of the city of West-Chester, to have a staple of the cottons and friezes made in North Wales, to be settled at the said city, with prohibition of utterance elsewhere.

6. Petition of Richard Alvey to the Council. That order may be taken for settling the dispute touching the Master's house in the Temple; according to the agreement made with Mr. Roper and Mr. Harrington in the lifetime of Chief Justice Dyer. Mr. Kellaway's hard dealing.

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7. A note, for the Lord Treasurer, of the seven divisions in the county of Southampton, and the names of the hundreds within every division.

8. Declaration of the dealings of Tho. Andrewe, whilst Mayor of Dover; and suit, that order may be given for auditing his accounts, and that he may be made answerable for the corporation money sent to him whilst in prison.

9. Articles and reasons against the choice of John Goodwyn to be Town Clerk of Dover, and answers to the objections against William Vanwilder, removed from the said office.

10. Abstract of the articles against John Goodwyn, town clerk of Dover: with objections against Vanwilder, and his answers to the same.

11. Legal opinions on the election and admission of E[dmond] M[ichell] to the office of a Jurat of the town of Dover.

12. Articles necessary to be established for the better government of the town of Dover and reformation of abuses there. Decree against John Garrett to be made void objections against Tho. Andrewe and John Goodwyn.

13. Articles exhibited by the Commoners of Dover against Tho. Andrewe, Mayor and bailiff of Dover, Tho. Allen, and Edmond Michell, jurats, whereby they think them uncapable and not fit for the said offices or callings. Malicious proceedings of Andrewe against John Garrett, late Mayor.

14. Brief of the articles exhibited against Tho. Andrewe, Tho. Allen, and Edmond Michell.

15. Petition of Tho. Andrewe, formerly Mayor of Dover, to the Council. That having obeyed their Lordships' direction, that as another Mayor had been elected, and William Vanwilder restored to the office of town clerk, he therefore prays to be released from his imprisonment in the Marshalsea.

16. Declaration by Richard Barrey of the conduct of Thomas Andrewe, late Mayor of Dover, in supporting and encouraging William Tiddyman in his contemptuous behaviour against the orders of the Lords of the Council.

17. Articles touching the Mayor and Jurats of Dover, in connection with a controversy in the town of Romney, referred to Mr. Bonham and Mr. Michell to settle.

18. Petition of Robert Purton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; committed to the Marshalsea for telling William Somerfield that one of the clerks of the Council was at his late master's house. Prays to be set at liberty.

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19. Gawen Smithe to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires a trial may be made of his qualifications for the office of one of Her Majesty's Drummers. Enumerates the names of the marches he can sound on the drum: "besides all manner of daunces and "songes to be sounded on the Drumme, with the fyffe."

20. Petition of John Usher, Francis Taylor, and John Powell, to Lord Burghley, for the payment of the sum of 249*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*, according to Her Majesty's direction.

21. Petition of the Master and Fellows of the Trinity House, Newcastle, to the Council. Complain of the Mayor and Aldermen for contempt shown by them upon an order of Mr. Justice Anderson and Mr. Justice Mead, for the settling of the controversy between them and the corporation of the town, as to the right of pilotage. Committal of one of the Trinity House, by the Mayor.

22. Articles of complaint by the City of London against the Lieutenant of the Tower, relative to several privileges illegally claimed and exercised by him: granting protections from arrest, holding courts of record within the Tower, perambulations and beating the bounds beyond his jurisdiction. The void ground where the scaffold standeth for execution of traitors, claimed by the City.

23. The answer of the Lieutenant of the Tower to the above articles of complaint, justifying all his acts and proceedings.

24. Answer of the Lieutenant of the Tower to other articles of complaint. Justifies the imprisonment of Shapley and Payne. The Tower being the chief fort Her Majesty hath, requires many privileges and martial jurisdiction. It has had a Court of Record ever since the 22d year of King Henry VII.

25. Proofs on behalf of Anthony Luther's claim to the lease of the Manor of Battylshall, in the suit between him and William Byrde.

26. Statement of the practices by which D. Lewen obtained the lease of the Manor of Battylshall, to the detriment of Wm. Byrde. Assignment to Anth. Luther.

27. Grant of arms by Sir Gilbert Dethicke, Garter, to Fabian Phillips, Esq. [*Fragment.*]

28. Certificate of the state of the Posts in Kent remaining unpaid for want of money. Addressed to Walsyngham, with a request for payment. The charge for the posts amounts only to 300*l.* for the whole realm.

29. Mr. Fitzjames to Sir John Yong. Exposes the slander reported of him, that he absented himself from the services of the Church, and had not received the Holy Communion since the Queen's accession.

30. Note of the standard value of silver bullion for coinage.

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31. Articles delivered by the Queen's Majesty to Sir Geo. Carey, to be observed in the Isle of Wight: no sheep to be fed upon the waste grounds of the Island.

32. Petition of Anthony Thropc, prisoner in Newgate, to Walsyngham. Solicits him to speak to Mr. Recorder Fletewoode for his release.

33. The names of such Cathedral Churches and Colleges, erected by King Henry VIII. on the dissolution of the abbeys, as are humble suitors to Her Majesty for her gracious confirmation by Act of Parliament.

34. Note of the offices anciently instituted in the Exchequer for the keeping of the Royal treasure, as appears from the Record of the Black Book remaining in the Receipt of the Exchequer. [*Imperfect.*]

35. The names of the Commissioners to be appointed by the Queen for the calling of the Tinners to their Parliament in Devon, according to their charter.

36. Petition of John Kirk, of Bedford, to the Council. Has been unable to deliver their letters in his behalf to the Justices of Assize, being imprisoned at Dunstable by his adversary Robert Carys of Bydnam. Prays that order may be taken with the said Carys for his release.

37. Petition of the Posts for Flanders (ten in number) to Thos. Randolphe, Postmaster General: desiring that he would not appoint any new officer to fill the place now vacant by the reported death of Arnold Baert.

38. The Queen to the Judges of Assize. To certify the names and crimes of those convicted at the gaol deliveries, in order to their being committed as prisoners to the galleys.

39. An estimate of the charges of transporting 800 corslets to Newcastle.

40. Articles set down by the Master Gunner of England, shewing the necessity of a corporation for the Company of Gunners, and the benefit ensuing thereupon, by the increase and training of skilful gunners for the public service in the navy and fortified places.

41. Causes and effects of a Corporation for gunnery of great and small ordnance, to be granted by the Queen.

42. Notes and articles by William Thomas touching the supply of gunners for the Navy, by the erection of a Corporation, and renewal and confirmation of the charter of Henry VIII. of the Fraternity of Artillery and exercise of great and small ordnance in the Artillery Garden.

43. Note of such sums of money as have been proved to be detained from Her Majesty by the Officers of the Ordnance, upon the book of information exhibited by John Powell, amounting in the whole to the sum of 10,474*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*

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44. Memorandum of abuses in the buying and exporting ordnance.

45. Particular certificate of the boats and vessels belonging to the town of Feversham, with the names of their owners, the largest of them being a hoy of 30 tons.

46. S. J. to ——. Having knowledge of him since they were scholars together and of his godly disposition, he hopes now for his further acquaintance.

47. Articles to be ministered to Hugh Kenrick, touching his dealings with the Papists; of tokens and letters passed between him and Nicholas Swynborne, and his acquaintance with Humphrey Shelton.

48. —— to his brother Mr. F. Sends him the translation of a letter written by Father Francis de Castro, a jesuit, to Father Lawrence Zara, containing a relation of the martyrdom of Peter Elcius, a Spaniard in Morocco; and also certain verses by way of challenge to Fox, the martyr maker, upon occasion of the martyrdom of the aforesaid Elcius; together with an address (in verse) to all afflicted Catholics who are in the way to be made most glorious martyrs.

49. Certificate by Ch. Justice Edmund Anderson and Justice Thomas Meade in favour of Emme Day, to be admitted to sue in *formâ pauperis* in her suit for land in Hamerynghan.

50. Petition of William Ratcliffe, of Chester, to the Council. Desires letters of marque against the inhabitants of the Groyne in Spain, for satisfaction for two ships spoiled by them in 1578 and 1579.

51. Notes, in Sir F. Walsyngham's hand, of the manner of proceeding with the Recusants, seminaries, and Jesuits. Causes of defection; the dispersing of the Jesuits, the evil example of Recusants, the corruption of the Court, and the negligence of the Bishops.

52. Notes set down by the Council for the ordering of the Recusants at liberty to remain at their own houses, under certain conditions, and bonds for Recusants imprisoned.

53. Regulations for the keeping of prisoners committed to the Tower; the form and security of all windows, loopholes, &c.; watch in the Tower, on Tower Hill and adjacent precincts, &c.

54. G. Spenser to Ralph Claxton. Is thankful for the reconciliation which took place between them in their last long walk. Describes the life of joy he is now leading, and exhorts him to follow his example, and, if possible, to obtain his father's permission to travel for three years on the continent.

55. ——— to ———. Urgently persuading him to declare himself a Catholic, so far as he can without apparent danger in his country: to consider his calling,—a great scholar, of great

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wisdom, a man of worship, and of no small account and estimation in the country, and liked of all sorts, religion only excepted.

56. Petition of Nicholas Godefrie to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires his letters to the Lord Mayor and Chamberlain of London, that he may be permitted to sell old apparel and books, and other old gear near the French Church on sermon days.

57. Ald[erman Martyn to Walsyngham?] Touching the inquiry respecting the exportation of gold; advises the appointment of four skilful merchants, wherein Mr. Tho. Stokes may be used, to report on the same. Recommends that some precautions should immediately be taken to put a stop to the captures made by the town of Dunkirk, and to prevent the occupation of Sluys, which would greatly injure the English trade with Germany, &c.

58. The Council to Alderman Martyn, Andrew Palmer, Tho. Aldersey, and Tho Stookes, to make inquiry for such as of late have exported gold out of the realm, contrary to law.

59. Note of the particular sums yearly received in the port of London outwards, for cloths, since the beginning of the Queen's reign, shewing the defalcations during Mr. Birde's time.

60. Articles to be proved in the cause against German Watson, on the part and behalf of Mrs. Jane Harpur, on the claim to certain lands in Willington. Watson discharged from being tenant in Mr. Justice Harpur's lifetime.

61. Avery Phs. [Phillips?] to his brother Nicholas [Gower?]. Complains that he had not heard before from him. Desires him to come to him and bring his friends with him. Requests him to bestow 20*s*. on the bearer.

62. Questions to be ministered to Sir Robert Stapleton, touching any meeting or conference with any prisoners since his coming to the Tower; letters or messages to Gervase Peirpoint.

63. Articles to be ministered unto John Manin, post of Calais. What letters he has conveyed to or from Seburo; whom knoweth he to be conveyers of secret letters. Conveyance of Jesuits and seminaries into or out of the realm.

64. —— to ——. To deal with Mr. D. Sherwood, for the payment of 16 crowns, lent him two years ago. To visit the writer's father at Darnton. At Helmesley he will find Mr. Thornton the parson there, sometime Vicar of Darnton [Darlington].

65. Note of the contents of certain intercepted letters from Papists. The letter to Shelley's father; Henry Baylie's letter to Tho. Edwards; two from Browne, one from Thomas Bothram to Ric. Ellis, one from Eustace Hart, &c.

66. Advertisement of one Fermor, a jesuit or seminary priest, who frequents all the Papists' houses in Norfolk.

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67. Advertisement touching Edward More, that some things might be found if his house at Cowley were searched. Mr. Ellyce to come to Sheffield.

68. Excuse of William Hildesley that the books brought over by him were delivered to him at Amiens by one Farmer an Englishman, to be delivered to Mr. Reynolds.

69. Michael Gaffney to his sweet and loving mother Mrs. Eleanor King. Assures her of his love and affection. Desires to hear of her estate. Has kept his bed for a long time at Paris, where he is studying.

70. Petition of Jane Bolding to Queen Elizabeth, to grant a pension to her husband Edward Bolding, who was maimed and disabled while serving in Ireland under Mr. Walter Rawley.

71. Petition of the poor journeymen and workmen printers, to the Council. Soliciting that a Commission may be directed to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to hear and determine the controversy between them and the Company of Stationers. [*Notice of a controversy between the Queen's printer and the rest of the printers in London occurs in the Council Register, 5 June, 1578. The above petition is evidently subsequent to that period; perhaps about 1582.*]

72. Articles concerning libels lately dispersed in the town of Hythe, to be inquired of by virtue of a commission from the Council directed to Sir Tho. Scott, the Dean of Rochester, Tho. Tourney and Edw. Peake. Attack upon the house of Mr. Honywood, late Mayor of Hythe.

73. Commission by the Queen to Sir G. Gerard, Master of the Rolls, David Lewes, Judge of the Admiralty, John Popham, Esq., Attorney General, and others; directing them to search and make inquiry for the apprehension and punishment of pirates, dealers or aiders of pirates, &c. [*With many corrections by Lord Burghley, and certified by Dr. Lewes.*]

74. Note of such persons as by the Judge of the Admiralty are thought meet to be appointed Commissioners for matters of piracy in certain shires. Orders and directions touching the arrest of pirates and pirates' goods.

75. Brief of the articles in controversy between Frederick Lord Windsor and Mr. Geo. Putenham, as to the annuity granted to Elizabeth Lady Windsor, wife of the said Mr. Putenham.

76. Jeffrye Gates to Walsyngham (?). Informs him that some person has lately come from Rome and lodges in the city.

77. Petition of the same to the Council. Has apprehended three notorious Recusants; Owen Fletcher, John Noble, and Lady Anne

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Ratcliffe, for which he is threatened and ill used by Dr. Forde. Desires that Dr. Forde may be called to account for his unjust information.

78. Points suggested by Lord Treasurer Burghley for clauses in the grant to Mr. Carr and his wife for brewing beer; ale to be excepted in the grant.

79. —— to Queen Elizabeth. Comparative view of the advantages and disadvantages of Middleburgh and Dort, as stations for the English Merchant Adventurers.

80. The causes of the late departure of the English merchants from Antwerp.

81. Report made by the Merchant Adventurers to the Council, of their reasons for urging the renewal of their privileges with the city of Hamburgh, and for procuring a revocation of the Imperial edict against their traffic in Germany.

82. Answers by the Merchant Adventurers to the allegations of the Hanzes exhibited in their libels to the Emperor, for the purpose of interrupting the trade of the merchants in Germany.

83. Petition of Rich. Staper, in behalf of the Turkey Company, to the Council, praying for their order to compel one Tompson to accept of the verdict given in his favor in the Admiralty Court.

84. Petition of Tho. Cordell and Company trading to Venice to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, complaining of the endeavours of the Turkey Company to obtain greater privileges than they already enjoy under their grant.

85. Reasons to show that the Merchants trading to Barbary should not be incorporated; with answers to the same, showing it to be expedient to keep reasonable men in order of trading into Barbary by incorporating them.

86. Articles declaring why Geo. Gyppes, a merchant trading into Barbary, and his partner John Boldrowe are restrained from traffic thither by the merchants of the new incorporate society; with Gyppe's replies to the same.

87. State of the case between William Typper and one Munslow, on the disposal of Typper's patent to one Wilford, President of the Merchant Adventurers of Spain and Portugal.

88. Information of the names and places of residence of certain Recusants: Lady Petre, Lady Pawlet, Nicholas Waldegrave, Lady Jerningham, Sir Tho. Cornwaleys, Robert Downes, Anthony Babington and his wife, and others.

89. Notes on the decay and falling away in religion through the example of the Recusants; with means to prevent the same by the augmentation of church livings, removal of scandalous minister, instructing and catechizing of youth, &c.

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90. List of the nobility and gentry in England, divided into Catholics, Protestants, and indifferent.

91. George Frevile to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. To favour his suit to the Queen for confirmation of certain lands held by him from the Bishop of Durham. *Incloses,*

91. I. *Petition of Geo. Frevile to the Queen, for an inquiry to be made whether the lands he holds in Midleham by lease from the Bishop of Durham belong to him or to Henry Eure, who claims as ancient tenant.*

92. Petition of Robert Brooke to the Council. Being bound to appear at the next assizes in Essex, he has been menaced with violence by one Reginald Mead if he does appear, and if he makes any complaint, Mead has threatened to hang him. Desires protection.

93. Petition of Barnard Windover and others to same. For a warrant to stay all the goods belonging to the subjects of the King of Scots in England until they should obtain satisfaction for the loss of their ship, the Flying Swallow, seized by Scotch pirates.

94. Abstract of the Statutes belonging to the Cathedral Church, College, and Hospital of Hereford. Proceedings on the election of Prebendaries, their duties and jurisdiction, government of the library, lands of the church, &c. Statutes appertaining of the vicars and ministers of the College and choir, revenues of the Hospital, &c. [*The statutes of Hereford Cathedral, dated* 12 *Car. I., allude to the previous statutes promulgated by certain delegates in the* 25*th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.*]

95. Declaration by George Chambrelayne as to conveyance of letters to or from the Spanish Ambassador, and of the causes of his resort to the Ambassador, whose acquaintance he made going from London to Dover in his company, when the Countess of Feria went over.

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Jan. 2. 1. Order in Council for settling the controversy between Dr. Beacon and Zachary Babington touching the office of Chancellor to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield: the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint two learned doctors to hear and determine the suit. All proceedings between both parties to be suspended.

Jan 6. 2. Substance of the privileges thought by the Council convenient to be granted by Her Majesty, for the relief of the merchants and citizens of Chester. No objection to the shipment of Manchester cottons only at Chester. Licence to the city to export 12,000 dikers of leather.

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Jan. 6. 3. The state of the City of Chester and causes of its present decay; with proposals for its improvement: the haven to be amended, the city enriched, the navy renewed, and the good state continued.

Jan. 6. 4. State of the City and Haven of Chester and of the navigation, before the decay. The loss by the city of the whole navy of the city by the spoils of the French.

Jan. 10. Bristol. 5. John Bland to Lord Burghley. Substance of many letters lately written. Arrival of the Earl of Ormond at Bristol. Embarkation of the troops for Ireland. Grain and victuals shipped for transportation to Waterford. The price of victuals enhanced by reason of exportation under Mr. Comptroller's licence.

Jan. 10. 6. Jane Barlow to her father Alexander Barlow. Is in great distress and want in a foreign land: the meanest servant he has liveth in far better condition than she does. Was forced to borrow money for her profession.

Jan. 10. Bristol. 7. Thomas Aldworth, Mayor of Bristol, to Lord Burghley. The embarkation of one hundred soldiers for Ireland. Will send the accompt and charges of the same by his next letters.

Jan. 11. 8. Edw. Stafford to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Urgency of the news from the Low Countries. Orders had been sent to Flushing and Holland for arming all their forces to the seas. Collision between the French and the inhabitants of Antwerp. The drunkenness of the Flemings, and the impatient madness of the French were the beginning of this great stir.

Jan. 11. 9. Note of such Popish books and vestments as were found in certain of the Recusants' chambers in the gaol at Winchester: upon the search made by Sir Richard Norton and others, in the chambers of Mr. Warnford, Mr. Howard, Mr. Slade, Mr. Body, Mr. Travers, and Mercy Deane.

Jan. 11. 10. General orders agreed upon at Winchester, the 22nd of Oct. 1582, and the 11th of January, 1583, by the Justices there assembled, for the better government of the House of Correction at Winchester.

Jan. 13. 11. Note of certain things to be considered of by the Knights of the noble Order of the Garter: the placing of Duke Casimir and Sir Henry Sydney.

Jan. 13? 12. Form of the oath to be taken by a foreign prince when admitted into the Order of the Garter.

Jan. 15. Rouen. 13. Jane Barlow to her brother Alexander Barlow. Desires him to send her some money as soon as possible, as she was in great want and far in debt, which she suffers for God's sake.

Jan. 15. 14. Notes by Diego Ximenez, touching Dr. Allen and the progress of the Roman Catholic religion in England, and the concessions granted by the Popes to the English Catholics. Latin.

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Jan. 15. London. 15. Tho. Blanke, Lord Mayor of London, to Burghley. The price of grain had risen by reason of the licences for transportation and the unseasonable weather. *Incloses,*

15. 1. *Note of grain transported by Mr. Scofield and others.*

Jan. 17. 16. Examination of Peter Roper, before William Bulbrooke and Raphe Booltflower, bailiffs of Dunwich, touching the bringing over of popish trash from Rouen. One Peter Lawson would answer for them.

Jan. 17? 17. Note of such things as remain in divers packs of Peter Lawson's, and of Papists and popish books brought over by him and Peter Roper.

Jan. 17? 18. Note of books, catechisms, and testaments; and of the going over of Mallory Conyers from Hull to Rouen, and so to Paris.

[Jan. 18.] Chipping Norton. 19. Report of Henry Unton and others, arbitrators appointed by the Council to settle the controversies between Sir John Conway and Anthony Bowrne. Willingness of both parties to come to agreement. Intermarriage of their children. Endeavours to effect a reconciliation between Mr. Bowrne and his wife, &c. *Annexing,*

19. 1. *Indenture of award between Henry Unton, James Croft, Henry Goodere, and John Chamberleyne, of the first part, Sir John Conway of the second part, and Anthony Bowrne of the third part, for settlement of the estates of the said Anthony Bowrne, and for the wardship and marriage of Amy Bowrne and Mary Bowrne, his daughters.* [*Case C., Eliz., p.* 10.] *Jan.* 18.

Jan. 19. London. 20. Thomas Norton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Mr. Harvie, the governor, and others, of the Russia Company, have given their opinion touching the treaty with Russia, as far as regards their trade. They thank him for the letter to the Chancellor of Denmark. The Ambassador will go to-morrow by barge to Putney and there break his fast, and from thence by water to Richmond.

Jan. 21. 21. Robert Ramsden, parson of Spofforth and archdeacon of York, to Lord Burghley. Has received his commands by Mr. Dr. Lowgher to set down his opinion of William Sysson and his wife, his parishioners. Would not willingly trouble his modest ears with such a vile and villainous practice, as the great injury and shameless treachery done to the most Reverend Father [Archbishop Sandys]. Details of Sysson's life and his wife's immodest conduct.

Jan. 20. Doctors' Commons. 22. Dr. W. Awbrey and Dr. Jo. Hammond to the Archbishop of Canterbury. They have carefully considered the matter between Dr. Beacon and Mr. Babington for the Chancellorship of Coventry and Lichfield, and had come to the conclusion that the office should be executed by them conjointly. Recommend him to write to the Bishop to notify their decision. *Inclosing,*

22. 1. *Opinion of Dr. Awbrey and Dr. Hammond touching the office of Chancellor, or Vicar General, to a Bishop; and*

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with the opinions of Sir Edmund Anderson and John Popham thereon.

22. II. *Copy of letter proposed to be sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, touching the right of Dr. Beacon and Mr. Babington to the office of Chancellor. Lambeth,* [20] *January,* 1582.

Jan. 20. 23. Mr. Petre's notes touching the payment of the money laid out by Sir Arthur Basset and the Mayor of Barnstaple, for transporting the soldiers of Sir George Bouchier into Ireland.

Jan. 26. 24. Recognizance of William Heydon to pay the sum of 700*l.* to Agnes Heydon, daughter of the late Sir Chr. Heydon, of Baconsthorpe, at or within the porch in the parish church of Holt, in the county of Norfolk.

Jan. 26. Dover. 25. Richard Barrey, Lieut. of Dover Castle, to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden. His opinion touching the mouth of the new harbour, constructed by Mr. Poyntz, which has been opened these eight days. Thinks the works will not stand any tempestuous weather.

Jan. 26. Dover. 26. Same to Walsyngham. Report of the progress of the works at Dover Harbour. His opinion relative to the mouth of the new harbour by Mr. Poyntz, who has yet done nothing towards constructing the two groynes.

Jan. 26. 27. Information given to Sec. Walsynham of the passage of priests and recusants from and to England. John Southworthe and Tho. Robynson went over from Hythe.

Jan. 27. From my house near the Savoy. 28. Lord Burghley to same. Desires him to procure Her Majesty's signature to the indenture for the Mint. Increase in the allowance to the poor Moneyers.

Jan. 28. London. 29. P. De Çubiaur to Walsyngham. Touching a ship of Biscay, which had been taken by a pirate and afterwards recaptured. Spanish.

Jan. 28. 30. Earl of Leicester to Mr. Davison in Scotland. Thanks him for his letters, but refers him to Mr. Secretary's dispatch, as he himself had no leisure.

Jan. 29. London. 31. Tho. Randolphe to same. The whole world crieth out of the treason of the French, but they die like dogs where they are for want of meat: Monsieur himself hath scarcely meat to fill his belly. Nothing as yet has been concluded between him and the States [of Holland].

Jan. 29. 32. The Prebendaries of Canterbury to Walsyngham. Thank him for not complaining of them to Her Majesty. Their refusal to grant the lease in reverson of the Manor of Appledore was owing to no obstinacy, but simply because they were prohibited by their statutes, which they had taken oath to observe.

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Jan. 29. The Court. 33. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. His fears touching the course pursued by Her Majesty in the affairs of Scotland. French interest in Scotland. Holds Scotland for lost unless God be merciful to this poor island. Has sent the bearer to acquaint him and Sir Walter Mildmay with Horatio Palavicino's demands for the money owing to him by Her Majesty.

Jan. 34. Inventory of the matters [book and papers] contained in the box of papers relating to Navy, ships, and havens.

Jan. 35. Brief declaration of the practices used by Margery Freeman, *alias* Hoare, *alias* Hungate, and her complices, against her husband John Hoare, and one John Shawe lately murdered by the brethren of the said Margery. Robert Whitehand also poisoned by Margery.

Jan. 36. Depositions taken before Tho. Warde on the behalf of Robert Hungate and Margery his wife, plaintiffs, against John Hoare.

Jan. 37. Declaration of the lewd and unheard of practices used by John Hoare and John Shawe, against Margaret Hungate, now wife of Robert Hungate of London, mercer.

Jan.? 38. Zachariah Babington to Walsyngham. Objects to the order made by Drs. Awbrey and Hammond relative to the joint patent of the office of Chancellor of Lichfield with Dr. Beacon. Desires liberty to try the cause with Beacon by due course of law. Also objects to Mr. Weston, the Registrar, collecting the fees for both.

Jan.? 39. Same to same. Dr. Beacon still continues his suits against him, in his own name and in the name of one William Clarke; and they will not obey the order made by the Bishop of Worcester.

Jan.? 40. Dr. Beacon to the Council. The order concluded yesterday is all severed; the Bishop being determined to exclude him from the execution of his office. Mr. Babington will not be content unless all suits for debts between them might cease also.

Jan.? 41. Same to same. Details of his former connexion and business with Dr. Overton, now Bishop of Lichfield. Letters of the Bishop to Mrs. Beacon [15th April, 1580]. The Bishop's ill usage of him and his wife, "who toke such an inward griefe, that she never "joyed untill she was delyvered of a man child before her tyme."

Jan.? 42. Same to same. Relates many passages in his own life from the time he entered St. John College, Cambridge, and of his dealings with the Bishop of Norwich [Freke], and during his residence in Sussex, where Dr. Overton was then chief.

Jan.? 43. List of the Spiritual Livings which Tho. Barret, one of the Queen's chaplains enjoyeth, contained in the dispensation signed by Her Majesty.

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Jan. ? 44. Reply to the complaints of Peter Chamberlain and others, French merchants, that they could not obtain satisfaction or redress for piracies committed by John Callis and Court Hellebourg.

Jan. ? 45. A note (by Walsyngham) of such things as are fit to be considered of touching Dover Haven, and to be communicated unto the Lords of the Council: names of persons fit to be consulted. To call Mr. Poyntz to a reckoning.

Jan. ? 46. Report by Wm. Borough on the state of Poyntz's works at Dover Haven. The Haven is actually worse now than it was in the year 1576. Proposes a long wall from the town to the Crane Wharf.

Jan. ? 47. Certain articles to be considered by the Commissioners for Dover Haven touching the works done by Mr. Poyntz there, with his answers to the same.

Jan. ? 48. A note of the profits arising by the farm of the Writs of Covenants for eight years ending in Hilary Term anno 25 Eliz.

Jan. ? 49. A brief of the beginning, proceeding, and conclusion of all things between Sir John Conway, Knt., and Antony Bowrne, Esq. Debts and embarrassments of Anth. Bowrne; his desertion of his wife and children; projected marriage between his daughter and a son of Sir John Conway. Conclusion of all controversies by the award of arbitrators appointed by the Privy Council.

Jan. ? 50. Remembrances for the Lady Gylberte touching the Manor of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey, purchased of Lord Cheney by Sir Humfrey Gylberte, and conveyed by him to Sir Edward Hobby being the only stay left to Lady Gylberte to live by, in her husband's absence.

Feb. 1. Rye. 51. Anonymous (under the signature of Pasquinus Romanus), to the most reverent Signor ——— at Paris. Satiricially recommends the bearer, Mr. William Williams, who had been his fellow prisoner for a long time. His devotion to good ale is very substantial; he prayeth little, unless it be somewhat before dinner that God may give him a good appetite. He hath a quinzy in his throat, for which only sack sufficeth him, by which means his disease often falleth into his legs, &c.

Feb. 2. Dover. 52. Commissioners for Dover Haven to the Council. Their opinion of Mr. Poyntz's works. Have taken order for one groyne to be forthwith made under the direction of Mr. Lieutenant and the Mayor of Dover, in the absence of Mr. Bedwell. There is not yet sufficient stuff to make the second groyne. The works done by Mr. Poyntz are weak and slender.

Feb. 2. Dover. 53. Farnando Poyntz to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Reports his proceedings in the works at Dover Haven. Complains of the partial conduct of the Lieutenant of the Castle; for what he misliketh of there are but few that dare say to the contrary. The principal timber he had procured is now like to be wasted in the groynes. Desires to be released from his task.

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Feb. 3. Dover. 54. The Mayor (Tho. Andrewe) and Jurats of Dover to the Council. Give their favourable opinion of the works at Dover Haven, constructed by Mr. Poyntz. The storms and foul weather, and the infamous libels of some lewd disposed persons, might have dismayed him.

Feb. 3. 55. Bishop Scorey to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his letters to the Lord President in his favor, although they nothing prevailed, but rather his lordship has been more incensed against him than ever.

Feb. 4. London. 56. Dr. Hammond to same. Denies that Mr. Babington had behaved himself disorderly towards him, as reported by Dr. Beacon. Explains the cause of their difference, and requests that if Mr. Babington is committed to prison for this offence, he may be immediately enlarged.

Feb. 6. Sheffield. 57. The Earl of Shrewsbury to same. Desires his favor towards the Countess of Kent and her husband John Wingfield, for appeasing Her Majesty's displeasure against them for their marriage.

Feb. 7. Sheffield. 58. The Countess of Shrewsbury to same. Desires his favor in the matter of the marriage between her nephew Mr. John Wingfield and the Countess of Kent, which has so displeased Her Majesty.

Feb. 7. His house in Redcross Street. 59. Sir Humfrey Gylberte to same. States his reasons why he cannot comply with Her Majesty's solicitude for him to stay at home from the personal execution of his intended discovery. Is sanguine of success, and willing to be apposed by all the best navigators and cosinographers of the realm. The extreme weather during the winter alone had delayed him. [*He never returned.*]

Feb. 9. St. Peter's Hill. 60. Tho. Randolphe to same. Had sent for Mr. Lambert and Mr. Stoner to hear what Gilbert Dick, the Scotchman, had to accuse them of, who sent word that he had nothing to object against them.

Feb. 10. 61. Report by William Borough on Mr. Poyntz's works at Dover. Has inspected all the groynes, jetties, and other works there done by him and others. Met Mr. Poyntz on his way to town. Remainder of the materials provided for the works at Dover Haven.

Feb. 10. Westminster. 62. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Must make confession to him, and get absolution before Ash Wednesday. Excuses his delay in returning answer to his letters touching the posts for Ireland, and the articles sent by Lord Scroope and the Bishop. Approves of the plan for supplying the States with artillery and armour. Lord Vaux and Tresham. Has heard of a comfortable purpose towards, for his daughter [Frances Walsyngham]: God bless it.

Feb. 10. The Savoy. 63. Sir Henry Lee to same. Excuses the sending of a small present: he cannot send much that hath but little.

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Feb. 12. 64. Note of certain speeches uttered by Nicholas Keyes, after departing from Lord Burghley, touching the money received by Sysson from the Archbishop, and the part taken by Sir Robert Stapleton. Imputation against Mrs. Sysson.

Feb. 12. 65. Note of money paid to Nicholas Keyes by Sysson, who had it of the Archbishop of York, by Sir Rob. Stapleton's means.

Feb. 16. The Temple. 66. John Popham to the Earl of Pembroke. Dispute between the Mayor and Burgesses of the city of Sarum relative to the measures for ale and wine. His opinion of the statutes on this head. There ought to be but one kind of measure in all England, according to the standard in the Exchequer

Feb. 16? 67. Same to Walsyngham. Sends him notes from various statutes touching the uniformity of weights and measures. "The English "penny, sterling, must weigh 32 grains of wheat in the midst of the "ear, and 20 pence make an ounce, and 12 ounces maketh the pound "weight."

Feb. 16. 68. Maximilian Cobham to Walsyngham. His desire to see Italy. Is ready to sacrifice all his intentions to accomplish his wishes. Thanks him for his promise to assist D. Pine. French.

Feb. 16. 69. Dr. Hammond to Dr. Lowgher. His opinion on the drawing up of interrogatories for the examination of Sir Robert Stapleton, Mr. Sysson, and others, touching the suspected dealings of the Archbishop of York with Mrs. Sysson.

Feb. 17. Bishopsthorpe. 70. Archbishop Sandys to Lord Burghley. Has answered upon the sudden to the speeches of his accusers, trusting to the power of truth. Desires him to stand his firm friend in this matter, as many who promised to friend and defend him, now shrink from him, and others wax cold, as overcome by the importunity of his enemies.

Feb. 17. Gray's Inn. 71. Jo. Brograve to Walsyngham. Particulars of the suit between George Holme and his son Robert Holme, relative to certain lands in the Duchy of Lancaster.

Feb. 18. 72. Report and suggestions by Wm. Borough relative to the works necessary to be carried on at Dover Haven. An outer wall of timber and plank to be built; the materials and workmen to be employed. Peter Pet and Matthew Baker, master shipwrights, meet to be joined with them.

Feb. 19. Chelsea. 73. Sir Richard Rogers to Walsyngham. Desires that his cause may be heard, or that he may be permitted to depart till it shall be convenient to the Council to hear his answer. Has been 15 weeks in dutiful attendance.

Feb. 21. Scott's Hall. 74. Sir Tho. Scott to same. Suggests that the Commissioners for Dover Haven should be required to attend one general meeting yearly at Easter, on a day certain, to make their report on the works necessary to be taken in hand for the following year. Want of additional Justices of Peace, there not being one resident magistrate within 12 miles of Dover.

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Feb. 24. Dover. 75. The Mayor and Jurats of Dover to [Walsyngham?], stating the necessity of immediately proceeding with the long wall at Dover Harbour.

Feb. 24. Richmond. 76. Sir Chr. Hatton to Burghley. Her Majesty yieldeth her most kind and gracious thanks to him for his grave and wise handling of this great cause, and wishes him to send for the Master of the Rolls and to direct him, in her name, to take strict charge of Sir Robert Stapleton. No favor would as yet be shown in accommodating Stapleton's cause with Mrs. Talbot. The Earl of Leicester will be in London on the next day.

Feb. 25. 77. Lord Henry Howard to Walsyngham. Not being able to attend in person, recommends his services by letter. His desire to be restored to his former favor with Her Majesty. His hope consisteth only in Walsyngham's friendship, otherwise the date of his disgrace may be everlasting.

Feb. 78. Account of the charges laid out by Farnando Poyntz on the works at Dover Haven.

Feb. 79. The Council to Dr. Masters, Chancellor of Norwich. To determine the suit of Robert Drewrie, Esq., patron of the benefice of Rougham in Suffolk, against William Teye, parson of that place, for not reading the Articles according to the statute; and to take order that the tithes, &c., be duly paid to Oliver Pigg, a godly preacher, deputed to the cure there, till the suit shall be determined.

Feb. Richmond. 80. Same to Sir John Higham, to take order and settle the variance between Robert Drewry and Oliver Pigg as to payment of tithes, till the suit between them shall be ended.

Feb.? 81. Remembrances of some requests to be moved to the Lord Treasurer, touching the examinations to be taken relative to the Archbishop's dealings with Mrs. Sysson. Mr. Mallory to set down his information in writing.

Feb. 82. Details of the transactions between Sir Robert Stapleton, the Archbishop of York, Sysson the innkeeper at Doncaster, and Sysson's wife. Quarrel and ill feeling between the Archbishop and Stapleton. Plot to entrap the Archbishop with Mrs. Sysson. Her resort at an appointed time to his chamber. Forcible entry of Stapleton, Sysson, and others into the chamber, and detection of Mrs. Sysson in naked bed with the Archbishop. His attempts to secure secrecy by bribing Sysson with 500*l.*, and Stapleton with 200*l.* and a valuable lease worth 1,500*l.*, and with the loan of much money.

Feb.? 83. Sir Robert Stapleton's account of his knowledge of the affair between the Archbishop and Mrs. Sysson, in answer to what the Archbishop charges him with. Denies being a party to the plot, but merely a looker on.

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Feb. ? 84. Relation by Sir Robert Stapleton of a scene of violent recrimination between the Archbishop of York and Mr. Sysson in an orchard at Bishopsthorpe. Stapleton interferes; personal contest between him and Sysson. Denies that this strife was feigned in order to draw on a composition.

Feb. ? 85. Petition of John Wickerson to Walsyngham. Has been prisoner in the Marshalsea two years, by his commitment, for his rash contract of matrimony with Mistress Frances [Walsyngham?], which to relinquish would be a perpetual scruple and worm in conscience, and hazard of body and soul. Solicits his consent and good will to the performance of their said contract, otherwise they must live in adultery, and be a scornful spectacle and a mocking stock to the world. Indorsed, "*Desires to bee enlarged after his "long imprisonment, and that I would not any longer continue "my dislike of his contract w^th^ Mrs. Fraunces.*" [*Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Walsyngham, was married to Sir Philip Sidney in March*, 1583.]

Feb. ? Articles to be considered of by the Commissioners for repair of Dover Haven. Plans of Fard. Poyntz. [*See Vol.* xlv. *p.* 35.]

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March 1. Ludlow Castle. 1. Sir Henry Sydney to Sir Francis Walsyngham. Most willingly agrees with him in the proposed marriage of their children, and had hoped by his means to have obtained some small suit of Her Majesty, for he might have received a great sum of money for the goodwill of his son's marriage. The virtues of his son (Sir Philip) no doubt led to the choice of him for Walsyngham's daughter (Mistress Frances) who haply may have refused far richer matches. As the Queen will not be moved to reward him, he therefore will detail all his services in the two high offices he has held, of Lord Deputy in Ireland and Lord President of Wales. Thrice he has been Lord Deputy, and minutely details the whole history of Ireland from 1566 to 1578; perhaps the most vivid picture of that portion of Irish history extant. He returns to Court and goes to his great and high office in Wales, a happy place of government; for a better people to govern or better subjects, Europe holdeth not. Various other employments of high character, to his great charges, in which he neither won nor saved. He has not so much ground as will feed a mutton. His wife a lady in Court. When he left her to go to Newhaven she was a full fair lady, in his eyes the fairest. When he returned he found her as foul a lady as the small pox could make her, which she did take by continually nursing Her Majesty in that sickness, so as now she liveth solitarily, "*sicut Nicticorax in domicilio suo.*" He, Sydney, at 10 years of age was Henchman to Henry VIII., and was put to that sweet Prince his son, Prince

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Edward; was his companion and playfellow, and who died in his arms. He has three sons; one [Sir Philip] of excellent good proof, the second of great good hope, the third not to be despaired of. Is now 54 years of age, toothless and trembling, 5,000*l.* in debt, and 30,000*l.* worse than he was at the death of his dear King and master, King Edward VI. Prays for blessings on the matrimonial match between their dear children. Sends a buss to their sweet daughter, and craves from Walsyngham a blessing on the young Knight, Sir Philip.

March 1. 2. Antony Bowrne to Sir John Conway. Complains of the course his wife has taken against him. Has no objection to the match between his eldest daughter and Sir John's eldest son Edward; but if she is otherwise bestowed he desires to be made acquainted with it. Bargain for the marriage of his younger daughter. Propositions regarding various family arrangements, payments of annuities, &c. Intends taking up his abode in Alderney; amount of his stock and property there.

March 3. Sarum. 3. Sir Roger Manwood, Lord Chief Baron, to the Earl of Pembroke. His opinion on the controversy between the Mayor and Vintners of Sarum, touching the weights and measures used for ale and wine in that city. Thinks it convenient they should sell and retail by the like measures as are used in London, Southampton, Poole, Exeter, and Bristol.

March 4. Dorchester. 4. Judge Peryam to same. On the same subject. The wine measure now used by the Vintners is insufficient and not warranted by law. The pretence of the Vintners to sell wine by weight, is a vain matter.

[March 4.] 5. The reasons of the Vintners of Sarum for maintaining their wine measure, against the Mayor and others of that city.

[March 4.] 6. Petition of the Vintners of Sarum to the Council, exhibiting reasons to induce their lordships to reconsider the order set down by advice of the Judges for altering the measures to be used for ale and wine in the city of Sarum.

March 4. The Clink. 7. William Sysson, prisoner in the Clink, to [Walsyngham ?]. Desires that his wife may not be examined on oath, till she is fully informed that he has confessed the whole truth.

March 4. 8. Lord Paget to [the Earl of Northumberland ?]. His son Lord Percy and Lord Darcy are suitors for the hand of Lady Kitson's daughter (Mary) who prefers Lord Percy. Has advocated Lord Percy's suit all in his power and points out the many advantages of such a match. The message about Charles Arundel has been delivered to the Queen, "who stormes passinglie." The Queen should be informed of the practice between Leicester and the Countess for the Lady Arbella. Departure of La Mothe from

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Scotland, discontented. [*The date of the letter is fixed by the marriage of Mary Kytson with Thomas Lord Darcy, the articles for which, (according to George Rokewode's History of Hengrave,) were dated on the* 16 *April,* 25 *Eliz.* 1583.]

March 7. 9. Tho. Bedwell's opinion, concerning the walls for the pier at Dover, and estimate of the charges for the same, the total being 7,700*l.*

March 7. 10. Considerations to be had for placing and making the long wall for the works at Dover Haven.

March 8. Dover. 11. Commissioners for Dover Haven to the Council. That they had set down their answers to the articles submitted to them relative to the works at Dover. Desires that the works may be continued with energy so that they may be finished before winter. *Inclosing,*

11. I. II. *Answer of the Commissioners for Dover Haven to the six Articles sent down by the Council, touching the progress of the works at Dover. Mr. Pett and Mr. Baker have offered to conduct the works. The stranger's plan is the most feasible. Original and duplicate.*

March 8. 12. Another copy of the Commissioners' answers; with marginal notes.

March 8. Wilton. 13. Earl of Pembroke to Walsyngham. Sends him a copy of the Attorney General's letter to him, on account of the difficulties of Popham's handwriting. Hopes he has not in any way offended in his letter to the Council. *Incloses,*

13. I. *Copy of Popham's letter of the* 16*th February, relating to the uniformity of weights and measures. Certified by the Earl as a true copy.*

March 8. 14. Articles exhibited by William Jackson, M.A., against Henry Shales, parson of Hangleton, in the diocese of Chichester, charging him with being a seminary priest, and preaching heretical doctrines.

March 8? 15. The testimonies of such witnesses as are produced by William Jackson, M.A., against Henry Shales, concerning certain errors uttered by him in two sermons preached at Lewes, in Sussex.

March 8? 16. Matters to be communicated unto Dr. Fletcher, chancellor of Sussex. Information by Henry Shales against Thomas Underdowne, who preached in St. Michael's Church, at Lewes, that any one who had an inward persuasion and assurance that he was called by God, might lawfully preach. Names of persons excluded out of the number of preachers.

March 10. Scott's Hall. 17. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. Recommends the wall at Romney Marsh, as a model for the long wall proposed for Dover Haven.

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March 11. Dover. 18. Fernando Poyntz to Walsyngham. In answer to the articles objected against him, touching the progress of the works at Dover Haven. *Incloses,*

18. I. *Articles sent by the Council to the Commissioners of Dover Haven, touching the progress of the works, with answers by Poyntz to the same.*

March 12. London. 19. Dr. Lewes to same. Sends draft of a commission, with schedule annexed, for the amendment and conservation of Harwich Haven. Letters to be sent to the Bailiffs of Ipswich, for the repair of the breach mentioned in the commission.

March 12? 20. Plan of the town, harbour, and fortifications of Harwich; with diagrams in pencil, probably for additional defences.

March 13. Bishopsthorpe. 21. Archbishop Sandys to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his favorable letters. Desires that a fuller commission may be sent, for the examination of witnesses, as the Dean, Mr. Cheek, and Mr. Ramsden, the Commissioners, refused to examine any others except John Mallory and Mrs. Sysson, who only are named in the commission.

March 16. York. 22. Matthew Hutton (Dean of York) and Henry Cheek to same. Have taken the examinations of Mr. Mallory and Sysson's wife with as much integrity as they could for boulting out the truth; but that they had been requested by the Archbishop to omit in their certificate whatever might touch his credit, as had been done in the examination of Sir Robert Stapleton. Send a copy of the examinations, and desire to know his pleasure therein.

March 16. York. 23. Henry Cheek to same. Thanks him for his letter of the 7th instant. He and the other Commsssioners have used their utmost diligence in the examination of the persons named in the commission, but that they declined to comply with the Archbishop's demand to see the depositions which were taken, or to examine any other persons not named in their commission.

March 17. 24. Conditions of the last agreement between Mr. Stafford, Wm. Munsey, and Wm. Typper, made at Sir James Mervyn's lodging, delivered to Mr. Randolphe.

March 17. 25. The manner of the delivery of a bill of 100*l.* by Mr. Munsey to Mr. Modye, for the use of Mr. Stafforde, in the presence of Sir James Mervyn; with the condition of the delivery.

March 20. At Court. 26. Tho. Digges to Walsyngham. That the plan formerly proposed by him for the works at Dover Haven could be executed with much less expense than the plan proposed by Mr. Poyntz. Many would join him in the undertaking. The Commissioners should meet immediately after Easter.

March 22. 27. Certain notes of untrue, unreverent, scoffing, profane, and blasphemous speeches which Mr. Glybery, vicar of Halstead in Essex, hath of late used and uttered from time to time in his sermons.

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March 22. Fleet Prison. 28. Edward Tirrill, Warden of the Fleet, to Walsyngham. Sends a certificate of all the prisoners as have been committed, discharged, or yet remain in custody since the 15th of June last. *Incloses,*

28. I. *A certificate of all the prisoners committed, discharged, or yet remaining in the Fleet, from June* 15, 1582, *to March* 22, 1583: *those yet remaining for religion being Wm. Lord Vaux, Thomas Tressam, Geo. Cotton, Erasmus Saunders, John Rugby, and John Talke.*

March 22. 29. Certificate of the prisoners for religion in the Poultry Counter.

March 22. 30. Certificate of the prisoners committed for matter of religion, to the Counter of Wood Street since the 1st of June last past; by whom they were committed, and how they were delivered.

March 22. 31. Certificate of the prisoners remaining in the custody of Morris Pykeryng, keeper of the Gatehouse, for matters of religion; among others, Ralfe Coliere an old priest, removed to the King's Bench by "a haviss corpis."

March 22. 32. Certificate of the prisoners in Newgate for matters of religion.

March 22. 33. Certificate of the prisoners committed to the custody of John Catisbye, marshal of Her Majesty's Bench, since June last, for matters of religion.

March 23. 34. Certificate of the prisoners in the Clink for matters of religion since the 14th of June 1582, by command of John, Bishop of London, and others, the Commissioners for causes ecclesiastical; and the names of those discharged.

March 23. 35. The names of the prisoners remaining or discharged in the several prisons in London by the last certificates of the 22d of March 1583.

March 22. 36. Certificates of the Recusants remaining in the prisons in and about the city of London, and of such as have been upon bonds, &c. released since June last. With dates of their several commitments.

March 23. 37. State of the case between Mr. Stafford, and Munsey and Typper; and between him and others his creditors, to whom he oweth about 1,144*l.* Transactions with Mr. Laycolte, to whom Mr. Stafford in 1581 sold Her Majesty's grant of concealed lands. Suggestion for the only best course to be taken in this case for Mr. Stafford.

[March 23?] 38. The answers by Mr. Edward Stafford to the articles of the state of the case between him and Munsey and Typper; and between him and his creditors: and as to the best course now to be taken.

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[March 23 ?] 39. An answer to Mr. Stafford, touching certain articles concerning the state of the case in controversy between him, Wm. Munsey, and Wm. Typper; and between him and his creditors: set down in report by Tho. Randolphe and Mr. Thomas Fanshawe. Transactions with Mr. Laycolte.

[March 23 ?] 40. The state of the case between Mr. Stafford, Mr. Munsey, and Mr. Typper, and Mr. Stafford's creditors.

[March 23 ?] 41. Mr. Munsey and Typper, their answer to the above.

[March 23 ?] 42. Account of the several sums of money which Laycolte, by indenture and covenant, was bound to pay Mr. Stafford.

[March 23 ?] 43. Statement of the sums Mr. Munsey hath paid to Mr. Stafford's use, in ready money and bills; amounting in the whole to 2,305*l.*

March 24. Scott's Hall. 44. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. Advocates the erection of the long wall for Dover Haven, according to the mode of construction used in Romney Marsh. Solicits leave to present to the parsonage of Ulcombe, if in the Queen's gift.

March 25. Freydevyle. 45. Edward Boys to same. Substance of a conference between the men of Romney Marsh and the Commissioners for Dover Haven, touching the building of the long wall at Dover Harbour. Great store of excellent clay has been found which, with chalk, is passing good stuff to be incorporated together.

March 26. Scott's Hall. 46. Sir Tho. Scott to same. The men of Romney Marsh have viewed the haven, in order to make themselves acquainted with the state of the works at Dover.

March 27. 47. Edward Dier to same. It is generally reported that Sir Philip Sydney was captain of the Isle [of Wight]. Certain imperfections in Sir Edward Horsey's patent should be amended in any new patent for Sir Philip.

March 27. Auckland. 48. Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham, to the Council. In answer to the accusations exhibited against him by certain of his tenants. His chief care, next under God, has been to serve Her Highness. Refers to the Earl of Huntingdon and others for a testimony of his diligence. Has never received a penny for any grants or appointments he has made.

March 29. 49. Articles concerning the walls for the pent of Dover Harbour, to be answered by the men brought from Romney Marsh by Mr. Poyntz, by the aid of Mr. Alderman Barneham.

March 29. 50. The answers of the men of Romney Marsh to the above articles, touching the construction of walls as applicable for the walls for the pent of Dover Haven.

March ? 51. Names of Commissioners for the oversight of the works of Dover Harbour, and for the money to be employed thereon.

March ? 52. Notes of what is thought meet to be proceeded unto, by the Commissioners. John Trew to be discharged, and the workmen under him. Names of Commissioners.

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[March.] 53. Note of materials to be presently provided for the works at Dover. Order of proceeding in the works.

March? 54. Note of such things as are necessary to be done for carrying on the works at Dover Harbour. Money. The chief superintendence to be committed to Sir Tho. Scott; and Peter Pett to have the oversight of the works.

March. 55. The articles of complaint exhibited by the Inhabitants of Blyborough in Lincolnshire, to the Council, against Henry Ascough, Esq., praying for redress against his oppressions and encroachments.

March? 56. The names of the noblemen that are to be moved to contribute to the relief of the town of Geneva, seventeen in number.

March? 57. Fair copy of the above.

March? 58. The names of the noblemen and counsellors to be moved to contribute to the relief of the town of Geneva: with the amount fixed to many of the names, followed by the word *assented*. Among others; the Lord Treasurer, 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *assented unto*. The Earl of Leicester 30*l.*, *assented*. The Earl of Bedford 40*l.*, *assented*. The Lord Grey 15*l.*, *assented* and PAID, &c.

March? 59. Petition of Margaret Gage, wife of Edw. Gage of Bentley, co. Sussex, to Walsyngham; that her husband on account of his long imprisonment and infirmities might be released from the Marshalsea, and placed in the custody of the sheriff of Sussex.

March? 60. Articles delivered by the Queen's Majesty to Sir Geo. Carey, to be observed in the Isle of Wight; no sheep to be fed upon the waste grounds of the island. [*See* 27 *April, post.*]

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April 2. London. 1. Thomas Blanke, Lord Mayor, to the Council. Desires their order to allay a very great disturbance in the city of London against the Cinque Ports, about the custom of Withernam exacted within the liberties of the Cinque Ports upon London vessels. Retaliation might be resorted to by enforcing the custom of Withernam within the City against the inhabitants of the Cinque Ports.

April 3. Bishopsthorpe. 2. Archbishop Sandys to Lord Burghley. Requests his cause may be heard in the Star Chamber. Complains of the unjust and partial dealings of the Commissioners in the examination of Sysson's wife, and that Malorie's examination had been transmitted to Sir Robert Stapleton, contrary to the Council's orders.

April 3. 3. Estimate by William Borough of the charge for the works at Dover Haven,—the long wall to be completed according to the model and minds of Peter Pett and Matthew Baker, Her Majesty's master shipwrights.

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April 3. 4. Plan of Dover Haven, and of the new works now constructing there.

April 6. The Rolls. 5. Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Master of the Rolls, to Mr. Maynard. Desires him to remind Lord Burghley for payment of the 500*l.* to a merchant of London, out of the warrant for Ireland.

April 10. 6. The Commissioners of Dover Harbour to the Council. Have met and conferred about the works at Dover Harbour. Resolutions for proceeding with the works. *Inclosing,*

6. I. *Motions to be made to the Privy Council for prevention of dangers, and speedy proceeding of Dover works.*

April 10. Aylesham. 7. Commissioners for Grain in Norfolk to Burghley. Monthly certificate of the quantity of corn transported since the 18th of February. Prices of various kinds of grain. *Inclosing,*

7. I. *Certificate of grain and victuals transported from Yarmouth from the 18th of Feb. to the 28th of March: and of grain and other victuals transported from the port of King's-Lynn from the 1st to the 20th of February.*

7. II. *Certificate of grain and other victuals transported from the port of King's-Lynn from the 1st to the 31st of March.*

April 15. Ipswich. 8. The Bailiffs of Ipswich to Walsyngham. Touching the repairing of a breach in the haven of Harwich. The breach is not within their liberties, and therefore they are not chargeable for its reparation. The freehold belongs to one Mr. Fanshawe, who is liable to the repairs. They will, however, contribute towards the work.

April 15? 9. Petition of Tho. Fanshawe to the Council. Urges that he is not legally liable to be charged with the repair of the breach at Langerston, which properly appertains to the town of Ipswich: and suggests that those of Ipswich and Harwich may with their own money stop the breach. Offers to contribute 20*l.* if liable. *Annexed,*

9. I. *State of the case of the breach at Langerston, briefly set down.*

April 17. 10. Letters patent granted to Tho. Cordell and others, for the importation of corinths, oils, and wine, from the Island of Candia, and the Seigniory of Venice.

April 17. 11. Inventory of lands in the county of Suffolk, formerly belonging to Thomas, late Duke of Norfolk, and now demised to William Dyx and William Cantrell.

April 18. 12. The answers of Henry Shales, parson of Hangleton, in the diocese of Chichester, to the articles objected against him by William Jackson, M.A., charging him with popery, and promulgating heretical doctrines.

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April 18. Scott's Hall. 13. Sir Thos. Scott to Walsyngham. The Commissioners have agreed with the Expenditor upon articles for carrying on the works at Dover. Hopes that the walls about the pent-water may be finished before Hollantide. *Incloses,*

13. 1. *Articles agreed upon by the Commissioners at their meetings on the 9th and 10th of April, for the works presently to be done at Dover. The Romney Marsh men to undertake the cross wall and part of the long wall. The treasurer and other officers appointed.*

April 18. 14. Specification of the duties of the several officers engaged upon the works at Dover. Duties of the Treasurer, the Surveyor, the Expenditor, the Common Clerk, and the four Viewers.

April 19. Charing Cross. 15. Lord Chancellor Bromley to Walsyngham. In behalf of Richard Purveis, Geo. Perie, and Anthony Hande, for the Queen's signature to a lease in reversion, granted by Her Majesty to them.

April 19. Worcester. 16. John Whitgyfte, Bishop of Worcester, to the Council. Visitation of the cathedral church of Hereford, the faults and defects whereof have been punished and reformed accordingly. Money collected within his diocese of Worcester for Geneva. *Incloses,*

16. 1. *The Book of Acts of the Visitation of the cathedral church of Hereford. Signed by Bishop Whitgyfte, Fabian Phillips, and Richard Cosin.*

April 20. 17. Account of money paid into the Exchequer on the grant of tonnage for the repair of Dover Haven, from the first granting thereof to the 20th of April, 1583, not including the port of London.

April 23. 18. The names of the Noblemen of the Order of the Garter who have held the office of Lieutenant, on occasion of the Queen's Majesty's absence, on St. George's Feast Day; and list of Knights of the Garter.

April 23. 19. Another list of Lieutenants only.

April 23. 20. The names of the Noblemen of the Garter appointed to attend on Her Majesty on St. George's Day.

April 25. London. 21. Tho. Smythe, Customer of the Port of London, to Walsyngham. Certifying the amount received by him and Mr. Dove for tonnage money granted for the repair of Dover Haven.

April 25. London. 22. Farnando Poyntz to same. Reports the state of the works at Dover Harbour, when he left them. Offers to fill up the opening he has made for the harbour, if it shall be thought not worth the maintenance. Has cleared up all accounts till the last day in March.

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April 27. Dover. 23. The Commissioners of Dover Haven to Walsyngham. Sends an account of what money is due or received by them for the year past for Dover Haven. Four or five hundred pounds more will be wanted at Whitsuntide. *Inclosing,*

23. I. *Note of money received out of the Exchequer for Dover Haven, with the expenditure of the same.*

April 27. Isle of Wight. 24. John Dyngley and Anthony Dillington to the Council. View and survey of all the ordnance, munition, armour, and furniture appertaining to Her Majesty in the Isle of Wight, delivered into the hands of Sir George Carey by inventory indented. The farm of Bowcombe should be annexed to the demesne of the castle. Mr. Popynjay's opinion of the repairs necessary to be made at the castle. *Inclosing,*

24. I. *Inventory of all the munition, armour, and furniture, in the several castles and garrisons in the Isle of Wight, signed by Sir George Carey, John Dyngley, Tho. Flemynge, and Anth. Dillington.*

24. II. *Survey of Caresbrook Castle, made by Richard Popynjay, the Queen's Majesty's Surveyor of the town of Portsmouth, at the request of Sir Geo. Carey, captain of the Isle of Wight. April 20.*

24. III. *Plan of Caresbrook Castle.*

April 27. 25. The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Stationers in London to the Bishop of London, John Hamond and Tho. Norton. Have used all earnest care and diligence to bring to conclusion the controversies between the Patentees privileged in printing and their Company. The patentees are very charitably inclined and willing to yield to any reasonable motion.

April. 26. The names of the Recusants within the county of Southampton who refuse to come unto their several parish churches to the Divine Service there said. Also, a note of other Recusants presented in former inquisitions and omitted in this inquisition; together with the names of such of those Recusants who are committed, and do remain in prison.

April. 27. Account of the number of strangers within the city of London, and of the number of stranger in the exempted places in London; according to a survey taken in April 1583.

April. 28. Proclamation by the Queen, "declaringe the causes of the "reformation of the Calendar and accomptinge of the yeare, here-"after to be observed, to accord w^th^ other countryes next hereto "adjoyninge beyond the seas." [*Also see Vol.* xlv., *p.* 116.]

April. 29. Substance of the examinations of John [Anthony? *see Dec.* 1581] Thorpe, the gaoler of the White Lion, and of others, relative to the removal of one Nyx from Newgate to the White Lion, and his escape by the procurement of Mr. George Gifford and his man Thomas Porter.

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April? 30. Instructions to be given to the Overseers of the works for Dover Haven, what is to be done this summer.

April? 31. Draft of Archbishop Grindall's resignation of the Archbishoprick of Canterbury, to the Queen. Latin.

April. 32. State of the case on a marriage contract between Anne de la Faye and Fabian Nuse. Claim of Nuse to the sum of 600*l.* and interest, under the marriage settlement.

May 1? 33. Notes for the instructions of the Lord President and Council of Wales to be new passed. [*These are alterations on the instructions of June* 1576, *see Vol.* cviii., *No* 49.]

May 1. 34. Instructions given by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Henry Sydney, Knt., Lord President of Her Majesty's Council within the Principality of Wales and the Marches of the same, and to the rest of the Council there.

May 1. 35. Reply of the Tenants of Durham to the answer made by Bishop Barnes to their complaints, in which they show in brief what every one of them do rather crave, than willingly seek to prove.

May 5. The Tower. 36. Sir Owyn Hopton to the Council. Praying that the officers of the city of London may not have liberty to arrest any privileged men belonging to the Tower. Complains of encroachments made by the citizens on the privileges of the Tower.

May 6. Norwich. 37. Mayor and Aldermen of Norwich to same. In favor of the Dutch merchants and manufacturers settled in their city. Desire that Nicholas Wryght, an informer, may be called on to answer for lately molesting and troubling the strangers.

May 7. London. 38. John Colvile to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Not being able to speak to him himself, he has sent a gentleman who could report to him all his mind, who was thoroughly trustworthy, as Mr. Robert Bowes, Her Majesty's Ambassador, could testify.

May 8. 39. The will of Edmund Grindall, Archbishop of Canterbury, dated May the 8th, 1583. Having nothing worthy to present to Her Majesty but his New Testament of Jesus Christ, in Greek, by Stephanus his impression.

May 9. 40. The order of the whole proceedings between the Earl of Pembroke and his lordship's tenants of Uske Carlyon and Trelleck, touching the woods of Wysewood, Glaskoyde, and Gohellock, in the county of Monmouth.

May 9? 41. Answer of the Tenants of Uske and Trelleck to the Earl of Pembroke's objections.

May 9? 42. Replication of the Earl of Pembroke to the second bill of complaints exhibited by Morgan Wollph.

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May 13. 43. Copy of an intercepted letter written by a Recusant to Mr. Tebytte would come with him into Hampshire. Thanks him for sending a young gentleman, they were desirous of finding a place for Lygons his servant.

May 14. Wisbeach Castle. 44. The Oath of Allegiance taken by Dr. Andrew Oxenbrege; and as touching matter of religion he is willing to renounce any error of which he can be convinced by any learned man, being sent by authority.

May 15. Haverferdwest. 45. Thomas Wyrryal to Sir John Perrot; complains of the manifold injuries and wrongs and lengthened imprisonment he has received at his hands. Is willing to accept, in recompense, the lands of Anceslade, rent free during life. Marginal annotations thereon by Perrot.

May 16. 46. Sir Tho. Scott and Sir James Hales to Walsyngham. Offer of Mr. Bird to export 3,000 quarters of wheat yearly from Kent and Sussex, under the Dover licence, at 3*s.* 4*d.* per quarter.

May 18. Dover. 47. Thomas Andrewe and Richard Barrey to Sir James Hales, treasurer of the works, at Dover. Request an advance of fifty pounds for the works now in progress at Dover.

May 20. Grombridge. 48. Sir Walter Waller to Walsyngham. In answer to Mr. Potter's information, excuses himself from immediately complying with the summons to appear before the Council, by reason of his liability from the debts of Captain Chester. Denies that any of his servants had ever played an interlude at Brasted, as the townsmen were ready to certify, but that certain of his men had been imprisoned of malice by Mr. Potter, of Brasted. *Incloses,*

48. I. *Testimonial from the constable, townsmen and parishioners of Brasted on the behalf of Sir Walter Waller's men, denying their having played a play or interlude; but that they had been factiously sent to gaol, as rogues, by Mr. Potter.*

May 21. 49. John Smyth to Sir Thomas Scott. Progress of the works at Dover. Requests a further supply of money. Accounts for money already expended.

May 21. The Dungeon (Canterbury). 50. Sir James Hales to Walsyngham. Works in active progress. Account of the disbursement of money; and a further supply required.

May 22. 51. Notes for Dover Haven. Her Majesty's licence, granted for advancement of the works at Dover, will yield but small benefit, unless certain abuses are reformed. Means of prevention.

May 22. 52. Sir Henry Gate to Walsyngham. Solicits him to procure a grant of the custody of Scarborough Castle for his son and heir Edward Gate, in place of Sir Richard Cholmeley, who had held that office by patent, now void by his death.

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May 23. The Tower. 53. Andrew Palmer to Francis Milles. Gives information concerning the measures for ale and wine. Every pint of wine should weigh 12 ounces troy, and every gallon 8 lbs. troy. The ale and beer measures are greater by one fifth part than the measure of wine.

May 23. 54. Thomas Digges to Walsyngham. A combination of certain persons have maliciously endeavoured to defraud his cousin Daniels of 600*l.*, and to breed hatred between himself and his uncle Higate. Requests a warrant to Mr. Sugden of the Exchequer for 100*l.* for the works at Dover.

May 23. 55. Depositions of William Wrighte and George Linseye, merchants of Dundee, taken before Dr. Lewes, Judge of the Admiralty, touching the capture of their ship, named the Peter of Dundee, by the English pirates, Clinton Atkinson and Vaughan, off the coast of France.

May 27. Exeter College. 56. Raynold Bellott and other Fellows of Exeter College, Oxford, to Walsyngham. Express their gratitute for his favors and for the late inhibiting the Earls of Bedford and Leicester and their Rector, from proceeding any farther to the extraordinary elections of Sir John Petre's scholars. Desire that they may be heard in the cause between them and Sir John Petre, to whom they would gladly yield the greatest authority, as the son of their special benefactor Sir Wm. Petre. *Inclosing,*

56. I. *Statement of particulars about the election of Sir John Petre's scholars: with objections made by Sir John Petre, and their answers to the same.*

May 29. Dover. 57. Commissioners of Dover Harbour to the Council. Have inspected the works at Dover, and desire the Treasurer may be supplied with money from time to time to pay the workmen and labourers. The cross wall is now in hand, and goeth well forward.

May 29. 58. Tho. Digges to Walsyngham. Sir James Hales had received the 100*l.* for Dover Haven, but as that would not be sufficient, requests that 1,000*l.* may be presently delivered to him, as they were in hopes of finishing the pent-wall before harvest. Justifies his conduct towards his cousin Daniels. His brother James Digges not yet come from Berwick.

May 29. 59. Letters of administration granted by Dr. William Farrand to Tho. Elliott, for the estate of Mary Jackson, *alias* Elliott, deceased.

May 30. 60. A book of the Queen's Majesty's ships now remaining; with an estimate of their several tonnage, and the number of mariners, gunners, and soldiers requisite to man them to the seas, and charge of victualling the same. Merchant ships fit to join Her Majesty's fleet.

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May 31. Dover. 61. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. Reports the progress of the works. The wall at Paradise finished, and the cross wall raised three feet. Requests money; and that Her Majesty's master carpenters of the ships may be allowed to assist in the laying of the two sluices.

May. 62. The Queen to the Duke of Lennox. Assures him of her good will towards him; but he must not rely on her friendship unless he returns to his due allegiance to her dear cousin the King of Scots.

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June 1. Hadham. 1. Bishop Aylmer to Lord Burghley. Proceedings in the commission for restraining the number of printing presses in London. Orders have been given to the Wardens of the Stationers to make stay of all the printing presses without the liberties of the city. Stay of a printing press kept by one Thomas, under pretence of being the printer for the University of Cambridge. Interference of the University therein. Care must be taken in licensing the University of Cambridge to set up printing. Sends the Warden's letters, and a prophane and blasphemous toy printed by stealth. *Incloses,*

1. I. *The names of all printers in London keeping presses, and the number of the same presses: 53 presses in the whole.*

1. II. *Christopher Barker and Francis Coldocke, Wardens of the Stationers' Company, to the Bishop of London. Having heard that the University of Cambridge intend to set up a printing house in the University, they point out the dangerous consequences of such a proceeding. Offer to make compensation to the party employed by the University.*

1. III. *Orders set down by the Commissioners for the relief of the Stationers' Company, and restricting the liberty of printing.*

June 2. Scott's Hall. 2. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. Is sorry for his absence from Court on account of ill health. Recommends Mr. Barrey and Mr. Digges as proper persons to be overseers of the works at Dover. The Commissioners are restrained from granting any part of the licence for Dover Harbour. Great force of the flow of water out of the new pent.

June 5. Dover. 3. The Commissioners of Dover Haven to same. Resolutions as to restraint of grants under the Dover licence. Certain points to be considered touching the progress of the works. Have heard nothing from Mr. Poyntz.

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June 7. Dover. 4. Commissioners of Dover Haven to Walsyngham. Result of their conference with Mr. Pett and Mr. Baker relative to the construction of the sluice at Dover Harbour. Money required. *Inclosing,*

4. I. *Plan and proportions for a sluice for Dover Haven, by Peter Pett and Matthew Baker, to be constructed of timber, and properly secured.*

4. II. *Proportions for a sluice to be made at Dover Haven. Sent from Sir Tho. Scott.*

June 7. Cambridge. 5. Dr. John Bell, Vice-chancellor of Cambridge, to Burghley. Complains that the printing presses of Mr. Thomas had been stayed by the Wardens of the Company of Stationers of London, and requests they may be redelivered to him as a licensed printer for the University.

June 8. 6. Report on the state of the works at Dover Haven at this present.

June 9. Dover. 7. Sir Tho. Scott and Richard Barrey to Walsyngham. Recommend that the construction of the sluice in the cross wall be intrusted to John Symons, the mason. Some delay will occur for want of a sufficient quantity of hewn stone.

June 9. 8. Peter Pett and Matthew Baker, the master shipwrights, to same. They intend to construct the framework for the Dover sluice, at Chatham. Require an advance of money.

June 9 ? 9. Note of orders taken by the Mayor and Jurats of Dover, as well with such victuallers, butchers, &c., as otherwise, for supply of the town during the progress of the works. Assistance given by the townspeople, in aid of certain works, at their own charges.

June 9. 10. Petition of the poor Inhabitants of Marsham to Sir Walter Mildmay and Sir Fr. Walsyngham, against the oppressions committed by James Brampton, farmer to Her Majesty. Request their letters to Lord Crumwell and Mr. Nathaniel Bacon to hear the matter in controversy.

June 10. London. 11. Henry Pope to Walsyngham. Reports the success of experiments tried at Fulstone for the manufacture of saltpetre from a mineral substance found in the cliff. Hopes to make a ton of saltpetre by Midsummer.

June 12. Christliton. 12. Sir George Caulveley and Tho. Brooke to the Council. Have not been able to compound the controversy between Mr. Alderman Byrd, of Chester, and Mr. Haughton, the latter refusing to submit to arbitration.

June 15. My house near the Savoy. Lord Burghley? to the Vice Admiral of Devon. Directions to deposit goods and merchandise seized from pirates, into the hands of the officers of the Customs of the port or place where they shall be so seized. [*See* 1587. *Vol.* ccvi., *No.* 69, *p.* 39.]

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June 25. Oxford. 13. William Hil, Edmund Wicham, and John Baylye, of Oxford, to Mr. Wentworth, of Burnham Abbey. Certain students of Trinity College have departed towards the seminary at Rheims, namely, Cicell, Owen, Coole, Haull, and Sir Blunte, lately chosen probationer of Trinity College, who stood for preferment in their house, but for his religion was worthily repelled; but yet by favor of Lady Paulett has been elected a member of Trinity.

June 26. Dover. 14. Commissioners of Dover Haven to Walsyngham. Desire to know if the licence for the transportation of grain out of Kent has already been compounded for, or if they shall take order for the same. Progress of the works. Request Mr. Pett and Mr. Baker may be directed to construct the sluice in the channel next to the sea.

June 29. Petworth. 15. W. Cornwales to same. Preparations by the Earl of Northumberland for the reception of Her Majesty. Ill state of health of the Countess of Northumberland. Fears that the roughness and inequality of the roads would cause Her Majesty not to thank them that hath persuaded this progress.

June 29. The Downs. 16. Edward Fenton to Burghley. Reports the progress of their voyage to the South Seas. Heard of the King of Spain's fleet going for the Straits of Magellan. Resolved to sail to St. Vincent, on the coast of Brazil, where they were refused all assistance, in retaliation for the exploits of Sir Francis Drake. Were attacked by three Spanish galleys. Sharp engagement and sinking of the Spanish Vice-Admiral. Commends Captain Parker, the bearer. Excuses the ill success of the voyage.

June 30. 17. Antony Bowrne to Sir John Conway. Requests him to pay Mr. North the rest of 40*l.*, which cripples 8*l.* for which Conway's jewels lie pawned. Is yet unsatisfied of 410*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* at Sir James Mervin's hands.

June. Greenwich. 18. Sir F. Walsyngham to the Sheriff of Lincolnshire, commanding him to provide the number of corselets directed in the Council letters. Similar letters were sent to the sheriffs of other counties.

June. 19. Petition of Alonso de Basurto, merchant of Spain, to Lord Burghley, that payment of the money due to Captain Apsley, for which Mr. Springe is a suitor, having married Captain Apsley's widow, may be stayed, till satisfaction has been made for certain goods said to have been taken by Captain Apsley out of the ship named the Lady of St. Sebastian, surprised at Falmouth by the servants of Sir John Killygrew and the Lady his wife.

June. 20. A series of letters and instructions sent to the Commissioners for the apprehension of pirates, and punishing the favorers and abettors of pirates, from 1576 to June 1583. Instructions for Wm. Borough and Benjamin Gonson, appointed to command the Talbot and the Unica, and with them to go to sea for the apprehension of pirates.

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June? 21. The contribution of the Clergy and Laity within the Diocese of Canterbury towards the relief of the town of Geneva; specifying the names of the contributors and the amount given by each.

June? 22. Sir Thomas Perrot (?) to Penelope Lady Rich. Complimentary, and entreating her influence on behalf of his suit to her sister Lady Dorothy Devereux. [*Lady Dorothy Devereux married first Sir Thomas Perrot, in July* 1583, *and secondly Henry Earl of Northumberland. This letter is presumed to be from her first husband.*]

June? 23. Walter Wyks to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Thanks for his favorable letter to Sir Fr. Walsingham. Information against several priests and Recusants. Necessity of looking to the defences of Milford Haven and Aberconway.

June? 24. Heads of the grant to Adrian Gilbert to discover and settle the northerly parts of Atlantis, called Novus Orbis, not inhabited or discovered by any Christians hitherto but by him. The said Adrian Gilbert, John Dee, and John Davies to be exempt from all customs, for ever.

June. 25. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to the Council, praying that the letters of the Lord Treasurer, limiting the traffic of the Merchant Staplers may not be revoked, and that the claims of the Staplers, if they have any, might be heard by their Lordships.

June? 26. Petition of the Merchants of the Staple to same; urging the withdrawal of the letters of the Lord Treasurer, by which their exports of woollen cloths were prohibited, to their great loss and decay.

June? 27. Petition of the same to same; praying permission to try their claims at common law against the Merchant Adventurers relative to the restrictions on the traffic of the Staplers by means of the Lord Treasurer's letters.

July 1. Greenwich. 28. Grant of protection to William Tanfeylde to secure him from arrest for debt during his attendance on the Palatine Albertus Alaskye.

July 1. 29. Inventory of papers and jewels found in a drawing table pertaining to the late Stephen Blanchard.

July 4. Indenture of sale between Wm. Stone and Wm. Frere, of the third part of a messuage in Gossarde, *alias* Gosford, co. Oxford, late in the occupation of Tho. Stevenson. [*Case C. Eliz., No.* 11.]

July 5. Westminster. 30. Grant by the Queen to Sir Christopher Hatton of the custody of the land at Benefeld, and the keeping of the Forest of Rockingham, in Northampton, on the surrender of Charles Moryson, Esq.

July 6. Note of things prepared for the funeral of Edward Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury, who died Saturday, July 6th, 1583. [*See Dom.,* 1616, *Nov.* 4.]

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July 6. Dover. 31. The Commissioners for Dover Haven to Walsyngham. In answer to Mr. Pett's objections that the sluice now in hand should be placed next the sea. Progress of the cross wall and the long wall.

July 10. Dover. 32. Richard Barrey to same. Sends an account of the weekly and monthly charges of the works. There are divers suitors for licences to export malt, under the Dover licence. *Incloses,*

32. 1. *An account of the monthly charges of the works at Dover Haven.*

July 12. The Gaol at Bury. 33. Oliver Pigg, "ye Lordes prisoner," to same. Has been, with four other preachers of the Gospel, committed to the gaol, at Bury for making certain alterations in celebration of the baptismal service. Severity of the judges against him, who refuse to admit him to bail, much to his loss in this harvest time, and some of his enemies refuse or rob him of his tithes. Desires that he may be sent for to appear before the Council. *Incloses,*

33. 1. *Copy of the petition of Oliver Pigg to the Justices of Assize at Bury, either for his free discharge, or else for staying sentence upon him till next assizes. Detests from his heart the evil proceedings of Browne, Harrison, and their favorers.*

July 14. Cobham. 34. Wm. Lord Cobham to same. Capture of Dunkirk by the Spaniards. The Prince [of Parma] is besieging Nieuport. Recommends that the coastmen be sent to watch the operations of the Spaniards. Fears we shall have hard neighbours of the Spaniards.

July 15. Hythe. 35. Christopher Honywood, Mayor of Hythe, to same. Information that Mr. Wyllson and Mr. Paulo Citelini who had charge of matters of great importance for Her Majesty, and letters for his honour, on board, had been plundered by a Norman man-of-war.

July 17. Dover. 36. Commissioners of Dover Haven to same. Completion of the long and cross walls. Other works thought necessary to be done this summer; part of the cross wall to reach to the haven's mouth; the channel to be deepened next to the sea; and two new groynes to be made on the east side.

July 18. London. 37. Bishop Aylmer, Dean Nowell, and Recorder Fletewoode, Commissioners for the reformation of abuses in printing, to the Council. They entirely concur in the order taken by Dr. Hammond and Tho. Norton, the former Commissioners; and are unanimous in the recommendations they now certify for consideration.

July [18]. 38. Substance of the report of the Commissioners relative to printing and order with the Stationers' Company; with directions indorsed, dated 28 July, for the same to be embodied in a decree of Star Chamber.

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July 21. Scott's Hall. 39. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. God hath so prospered their works that all is accomplished in little more than two months. Extent and contents of the pents and walls completed.

July 23. The Court. 40. Horatio Pallavicino to same. Touching the matter in controversy between him and Mr. Hawkins. Italian.

July 28. 41. Certificate of the proofs made by William Williams of the ore brought over by Captain Furbisher.

July 31. 42. Certificate of the quantities of corn transported out of certain ports and creeks in the county of Cornwall from Michaelmas 1582 to July 31, 1583.

July 31. 43. Depositions of Alexander Dunkin and George Linseye touching the spoil of the ship called the Peter of Dundee, laden with wines, by Capt. Gore, Nich. Pudsey, Capt. Vaughan, and other pirates.

July. 44. Indenture of articles between Sir Philip Sydney, of Penshurst, and Sir Geo. Peckham, of Denham, in Kent, for the assurance of 30,000 acres of land in America to Sir Geo. Peckham, parcel of a grant, to Sir Philip, enrolled in Chancery, of thirty hundred thousand acres of ground to be by him discovered and inhabited in certain parts of America, not yet discovered.

July. 45. Sir Owyn Hopton and others, Commissioners for hearing of the causes of prisoners for debt, to Walsyngham. Desire that order may be taken with John Dyngens and others, creditors of John Bonner, of the town of Lee, in Essex, who will not come to any reasonable end with him.

July? 46. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. A letter of advice on the state of affairs, particularly with relation to Scotland; whether it be better for Her Majesty to deal with the King (James) and the Queen of Scots by way of pacification and compromise, or else by a more absolute way. Peaceable means may seem the more plausible and less dangerous. Advises the passing of an Act of Parliament, that if by any practice of the King or the Queen of Scots any danger should grow to Elizabeth they should forfeit absolutely all right or title to the crown of England. Urges Elizabeth to support her own position by warlike demonstration. [*This is wholly in Leicester's hand, and is without date, but it is conjectured to be in July* 1583.]

July? 47. "An answer to a book entitled 'Memoires,' containing a "discourse of the affairs of the Low Countries, and of matters "happened in the year 1583, which in truth contains a heap of "malicious untruths against the Queen's Majesty of England, and "other Kings and Princes." The writer of the Memoires "digests "his fardell of arguments into three parts,—not to trust the Queen "of England, neither the French nation, nor the Prince of Orange." Answers to those points. Detail and justification of Queen Eliza-

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beth's proceedings with the Queen of Scots, &c. [*This paper was, no doubt, drawn up by Lord Burghley, and is largely corrected in his hand.*]

July? 48. Proofs by Sir Thomas Scott, testifying that the charges certified against Thomas Andrews, Mayor of Dover, for opposing himself against the works then in hand, were true.

July? 49. Note of the losses sustained at sea by John Bonnar.

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Aug. 1. 1. Deed of gift made by Philip Earl of Arundel to Roger Townshend and William Dyx, conveying to them all his goods, jewels, plate, household stuff, and all his other property, in consideration of the sums of money, bonds, obligations, &c., for the payment of which they stood bound.

Aug. 5. 2. Bartilmew Newsham to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires him to favor his petition to Her Majesty for the augmenting a certain term of years, wherein he has moved Sir Philip Sydney to speak to him.

Aug. 5. 3. Memoranda by Lord Burghley, for the business with Scotland and proceeding with the King of Scots, the Queen of Scots, and precautions for defence of the Realm. Certificate to be made of the principal recusants of wealth and power.

Aug. 5. Oatlands. 4. Warrant for the payment of 150*l.* annually, for three years, for the repair of Dover Castle.

Aug. 8. 5. A. Throkemorton to Walsyngham. Hopes that he will plead for him to Her Majesty to obtain leave to wait upon him at London.

Aug. 13. [Idib. Aug.] London. 6. Dr. William Whitaker to Burghley. Submits his answer to "Campion's Questions" for his approval. That he had defended as far as possible the proceedings of Luther, Calvin, Beza, and the other Reformers. Latin.

Aug. 14. Cobham. 7. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Progress of the works at Dover Harbour, which, by his good means, have been advanced to this forwardness. *Incloses,*

7. 1. *Report of Mr. Pett concerning the present state of the haven of Dover, being the 12th of August.*

Aug. 19. 8. Articles written by a Papist [John Bodey, afterwards executed], in answer to Dr. Humphrey's speech at the assizes holden at Andover, in Southampton, August 19; to prove that the Emperor Constantine did not call the Council of Nice by his own imperial authority

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Aug. 20. 9. Letters patents by the Queen, appointing Lord Burghley to be in the commission for Horses in the place of Thos. Earl of Sussex, deceased.

Aug. 20. 10. Minute of the order of proceeding in the commission of musters, for lances and light horses.

Aug. 21. Oatlands. 11. The Queen to the Justices of Assize for the county of Dorset. Directs them to be careful in any suit touching the Earl of Huntingdon, during his absence in the North parts on Her Majesty's affairs.

Aug. 21. 12. Contents of the certificates of musters of Cheshire, Stafford, Warwick, Northampton, Leicester, Oxford, Buckingham, Worcester and Berkshire, as to the furnishing of lances and light horse. Names of the commissioners in those several shires.

Aug. 21. 13. Duplicate of the above.

Aug. 21. 14. [Lawrence] Vause [late Warden of Manchester], to Mr. Coppage. Rejoices to hear of his restoration to liberty, and that he had set up a college for priests. Their keepers made great profit by them. His catechism sold well, the Jesuits and priests using it for the instruction of the people. Mr. Cotesmore, a priest, sends his remembrances. *Subjoined,*

14. I. *A proposed supplication to the Queen to grant free liberty of conscience to her Catholic subjects.*

Aug. 21. Knaresborough. 15. Letters testimonial given by William Inglebye and F. Slyngisbye in favour of the bearers William Hawxbye and John Darnton, who were on their journey to Paris. Certified by Henry Cheek.

Aug. 22. 16. The Commissioners for Horses to the Sub-Commissioners in the several shires, directing them to rate the inhabitants for the keeping of horses, according to the actual value of their property, and not according to the assessment for subsidies. To hold general musters on the 20th of September, and to bind over those who neglected to appear.

Aug. 23. 17. Tho. Godwyn, Dean, and the Chapter of the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury, to the Queen. Signify the election of John Whitgyft, Bishop of Worcester, to the see of Canterbury, and requesting confirmation of his election.

Aug. 18. The Commissioners for Horses to the Deputy Commissioners in the several counties. Alterations proposed in the certificate of the persons to be rated for the keeping of horses. Desire them to make certificate of their proceedings in the same.

Aug. 19. Minutes, in Lord Burghley's hand, of the course to be pursued in the relations with Scotland. To accord with the Queen of Scots. Precautions to be observed for safety of the realm. Uniformity in religion. To have regard to all doubtful persons of wealth, that they abuse not their strength in armour, &c.

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Aug. 20. Schedule of the new rate set down by the Lords Commissioners for the keeping of horses in the county of Leicester.

Aug. 21. The distribution of the several counties for the Commissioners of Horses.

Aug.? 22. Comparative account of the number of able men, foot soldiers, in the several shires, as returned in the old and new certificates.

Aug.? 23. Note of lances and light horse furnished by certain gentlemen in the county of Worcester.

Aug.? 24. Names of gentlemen in the county of Northampton charged with the furnishing of lances and light horse, according to the new rate.

Aug.? 25. Names of the officers employed at Dover Haven, with the rates of their several fees and wages.

Sept. 3. Dover Castle. 26. Richard Barrey to Lord Cobham. Landing of Sir Henry Cobham at Sandwich. State of the sluices at Dover Haven. Has appointed Mr. [Thomas] Bradgate and Mr. [John] Garret to attend to the works in his absence.

Sept. 4. North Hall. 27. Earl of Leicester to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Returns the instrument signed and sealed, but hopes Her Majesty will not undertake so dangerous an enterprise. The Lord for his mercy's sake deal graciously with this poor land.

Sept. 14. London 28. Henry Kyllygrew to Burghley. Excuses his inability to furnish him with the information he requires, but he sends him what papers he could find amongst his writings, and would inquire of Mr. Davison for those he received from the Prince of Orange, belonging to the Duke of Alva, concerning England and Scotland. He thought that the author of the libel was the Frenchman, Dammartyn. His sight is so decayed of late that he can neither write nor read without spectacles.

Sept. 16. Brecon. 29. Marmaduke Middleton, Bishop of St. Davids, to Walsyngham. Reports on the state of his diocese. There is little popery, but the people are greatly infected with atheism and wonderfully given over to vicious life. Efforts of the Papists to convert the people. His own poor estate. Desires that some reasonable order may be taken for the payment of his debt to Her Majesty. Has not been able to gather any contributions for Geneva.

Sep. 19. London. 30. Sir Thos. Blanke, Lord Mayor, to Burghley. Desires that the houses of the aldermen and citizens without the City, rated for the musters in London, may be exempted from musters. A certain parcel of Southwark is annexed to the jurisdiction of the City.

Sept. 20. Westminster. 31. Sir Edw. Stafford to Walsyngham. The controversy between him and Mr. Munsey has been adjusted by the Lord Treasurer and Mr. Chancellor. Desires his aid in procuring a new warrant from Her Majesty.

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Sept. 20. 32. Lord Willoughby of Eresby to Burghley? Requests him to further his three suits, for the purchase of Aby Parsonage, in his own park at Belleau, of which one Ward, a lewd fellow, had got a lease from Her Majesty; for a licence to transport certain wool; and for a lease of the impropriate parsonage of Edenham, now in the tenure of Mr. Stokes.

Sept. 22. Durham. 33. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to same. Thinks that order should be given to Sir Fr. Drake and Sir John Gilberte to arrest the Dutch ships. Depredations committed by the Scots on the Borders. Has conferred thereon with Lord Scroope and Sir John Foster.

Sept. 24. Devizes. 34. Commissioners for Musters in Wiltshire, to the Council. Have taken the musters of the demi-lances and light horse, and appointed proper persons to command them. Have also viewed the parks for keeping deer. Will return certificates relating to pastures and commons as soon as possible. *Inclosing,*

34. I., II. *Certificate (in duplicate) of the musters of demi-lances and light horses with their furniture, and of the persons that keep the horses and geldings, armour and weapons; with a note of all the parks keeping deer, which do contain a mile in compass or more, within the county of Wilts.* *September* 24, 1583.

Sept. 24. 35. Certificate of the muster of demi-lances and light horse for the North Division of the county of Devon, viewed and mustered at Torrington 24th of Sept. 1583

Sept. 24. 36. Certificate of the muster of demi-lances and light horse for the East Division of the county of Devon.

Sept. 24. 37. Certificate of the muster of demi-lances and light horse for the South Division of the county of Devon.

Sept. 25. Bodmin. 38. Commissioners for Musters in the county of Cornwall, to the Council. Have taken care to accomplish their Lordships' directions, as far as the shortness of the time would permit, and given order for a muster, to be held on the 6th of November, of those who are now defaulters. Have viewed the parks and commons, the latter being for the most part barren and unmeet to breed horses fit for service. *Inclosing,*

38. I. *Certificate of the persons charged with the furnishing of horses and light geldings fit for service within the county of Cornwall.*

38. II., III. *Certificate (in duplicate) of the parks and commons in the county of Cornwall.*

Sept 25. Gonville and Caius College. 39. Mr. Gerrard to Lord Burghley. Detail of abuses in the government of Gonville and Caius College. Implores him to take order between the Master and Fellows, that all extraordinary proceedings against him may be stayed, and that the slanderous informations made in his late absence might be fairly tried.

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Sept. 26. 40. Deposition taken before Robert Wrote, William Atwood, and William Roberts, Esqrs., commissioners to try the suit of John Thorneton, *alias* Arnold, against Henry Jernegan and John Hoo; proving that Mr. Jernegan did beat and wound John Arnold when he served a subpœna on him, and did strike with his dagger many blows upon the bare head and arms of the said John Arnold.

Sept. 26.? 41. Articles for the examination of Henry Jernegan, Esq., as to his ill usage of John Arnold, the reasons for letting his manors of Leystoft and other lands to John Hoo, a man of such evil behaviour.

Sept. 26. Tyckenhill. Sir Henry Sydney to Burghley. Recommends the bearer, Capt. John Barrington, who had faithfully served in Ireland for 28 years, and is descended from the same house as Sydney himself, namely Barrington Hall in Essex. [*See Ireland, 26th September, 1583.*]

Sept. 28. Salisbury. 42. Giles Escourt to the Constables of the Hundred of Chalke. To make true inquiry of every park containing deer, and of all the commons within the Hundred, and of the horses there kept, and to make true certificate of the same. With a note annexed of the men sent into Ireland out of the Earl of Pembroke's division, rated and appointed by Mr. Escourt.

Sept. 29. 43. Particulars of "The gift of a godly disposed person of 10*l.* by "the year, to be disposed to certain good and godly uses in the "parish of Chesthunt [Cheshunt] in the county of Hertford; the "same to begin at Michaelmas 1583."

Sept. 29. Account of Charles Boothe, Receiver General of Fines, &c., in the Principality of Wales, for the year ending Michaelmas, anno R. Eliz. 25o. Latin. [*Case C., Eliz., No.* 12.]

Sept. 30. Somerton. 44. Commissioners for Musters in Somersetshire, to the Council. Have made a general muster of horse within their county and appointed a further day for those that made default. Have also viewed the parks, and enclosed grounds for the keep of horses. *Inclosing,*

44. I. *Certificate of the muster of lances and light horses in the county of Somerset.*

44. II. *A certificate of the parks and commons in the county of Somerset.*

Sept. 30. Oatlands. 45. The Council to the Lord Chancellor. Directions to issue a commission under the Great Seal to Richard Bingham to apprehend pirates in the Narrow Seas, notwithstanding the late taking of divers of them by William Borough and Benjamin Gonson.

Sept. 30. Aukland. 46. Bishop Barnes to Mr. Tho. Calverley, Chancellor of the County Palatine of Durham, requiring him to give judgment in the case of Mr. Lever for the tenement in Kelloe, and the restoration of certain lands in Gateside. [*On the same paper.*]—

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Sept. 30. Aukland. 47. Bishop Barnes to Mr. Calverley and other the Justices of Peace within the County Palatine. To give satisfaction to Mr. Lever for the wrongs done to his hospital by assessments, impositions, and taxes for bridges and other matters.

Sept. ? 48. Ralph Lever to the Council. Solicits their interposition in the matters between him and the Bishop of Durham. *Incloses,*

48. I. *Particulars concerning the first point of Mr. Lever's supplication; complaining of denial of justice by the Bishop in Lever's private suits.*

48. II. *Particulars concerning the second point of his supplication: for the nomination of a Dean, great injury by the long vacancy of the deanery; Dr. Bellamie recommended by one party, and Dr. Tobias Matthews by another.*

48. III. *Particulars concerning the third point of his supplication: qualifications of a Dean.*

48. IV. *General statement of the wrongs and injuries sustained by Ralph Lever from the Bishop of Durham, in his private suits. Particulars stated.*

Sept. 49. General advertisement of the state of affairs on the continent. Germany. The Emperor's departure from Vienna. The Duke of Saxony hath sent to the Emperor a "caroche," most artificially contrived. The tribute for the kingdom of Hungary was ready to be conveyed to Constantinople, accompanied with a present of some vessels of silver, cunningly wrought, to be presented to the Great Turk in the Emperor's name. The new Bishop of Cologne. Affairs of Rome. Meetings held by the French and Spanish Ambassadors in the Pope's palace. Affairs of Italy. Large supplies granted to the King of Spain by his Parliament. Poland. Advices from Constantinople. War between the Turks and Persians.

Sept. ? 50. The Queen to the Lord Treasurer and others, appointing them Chief Commissioners, with power to nominate Commissioners, to make a perfect view and survey of all Her Majesty's ships, with the aid of Sir Wm. Wynter and others, and her master shipwrights, to superintend the building of new ships, to reform abuses in the naval yards, and to cause a perfect survey to be made of all the provisions and stores in the ships and storehouses. Names of the Commissioners and other officers.

Sept. ? 51. Notes, to be certified to Dr. Allen, of the number of persons in the several districts converted to the Romish faith. State of the Roman Catholic interests in England. Interview of the writer with the Spanish Ambassador.

Sept. 52. Note of money received by Peter Pett to make provision of timber for the works of Dover Harbour, and of the timber delivered by him at Dover, with the value thereof.

53. Duplicate of the above.

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Sept. 54. Particulars of the complaint of Thomas Fludd against Edw. Downes, of breach of covenant and misrepresentation in the sale of certain marsh land.

Sept. 55. Note of Mr. Fludd's allegations, with the answers of Mr. Downes to the same; with Mr. Robt. Beale's opinion on the tenure of the lands whether held by knight's service or soccage.

Sept. 56. Brief of the certificates of the musters of lances and light horse within the counties of Northampton, Stafford, and Warwick, and of parks and chaces viewed.

Sept. 57. Instructions and orders renewed by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Council, having commission for the execution of the laws for the keeping of horses and geldings, and for the keeping of horses and mares for increase and breed; sent to the noblemen and others in every county within the realm, deputed by the Commissioners for that service. Specification of the armour and dress of a light horseman. Corrected by Lord Burghley.

Sept. 58. Fair copy of the preceding, with further corrections and additions by Burghley.

Sept. 59. Another copy, with additional corrections by Burghley.

Sept. 60. Fair copy of the above, with some apparently final alterations.

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Oct. 1. Kirkby Bellers. 1. Tho. Markham to Lord Burghley. Having been commanded by the Earl of Rutland and other the Commissioners for Musters to appear before the Council on the 7th of this instant. Desires that the day may be deferred till after Hallowentide.

Oct. 2. Manchester. 2. Justices of Manchester to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sending the examination of John Finche, a priest, prisoner in the Fleet, at Salford. *Inclosing,*

2. I. *Speeches uttered by John Finche, affirming that Campion and others were executed for religion and not for treason. He obstinately denies the Queen's authority and is willing to take the punishment for the same.*

Oct. 1. Grant to P. B. of the office of Receiver of the revenue of the Court of Exchequer in the counties of Suffolk and Cambridge, on surrender of T. H. Latin. [*Warrant Book* 1, *p.* 133.]

Oct. 4. Norwich. 3. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Norfolk, to Burghley. Certify their proceedings in the musters. Many persons since their last certificate have died or left the county. The certificate of horses kept in parks and commons not yet ready. *Inclosing,*

3. I. *Certificate of the view and general muster of lances and light horsemen in the county of Norfolk; taken before Henry Lord Crumwell, Sir Drue Drury, and others.*

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Oct. 6. 4. Examination of John Somerfeld (or Somervyle) in the Tower. His dealings with Harry Goodyere, at Coventry, who had been in the Tower for the Queen of Scots' sake, and that she gave him the buttons of gold he wore on his cap and doublet. Persecution of the Catholics by Queen Elizabeth. His knowledge of Nedame, a priest.

Oct. 6. 5. Names of Commissioners meet to be trusted with the survey and repairs of certain forts in Essex, Kent, the Isle of Sheppey, Dorset, Isle of Wight, Devon, and Cornwall.

Oct. [6] 6. The Council to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden. Her Majesty having care that all her castles and forts on the sea coast shall be surveyed, he is directed to view and report on all the castles and forts within the Cinque Ports, and prepare an estimate of all repairs necessary, and of the ordnance and munitions required.

Oct. 8. Rye. 7. Substance of the controversy between John Mercer and Robert Jackson, of Rye: with copy of letter from Robert Carpenter, Mayor of Rye, and Henry Gaymer, Jurat of Rye, to Lord Cobham, as arbitrators indifferently chosen, finding that one John Piers, a felon, had been set at liberty by Mr. Jackson, then Mayor, without trial, and that Mercer had been lamentably ill used by the felon and his accomplices.

Oct. 9. Lewisham. 8. Lady Margery Throkmorton to Francis or Thomas Throkmorton. Has spoken with Owen, Mr. Talbot's man, who recommends her son Thomas to go to Lady Arundel, at Arundel Castle, who would obtain a passage by ship for him.

Oct. 10. Oatlands. 9. Safe conduct granted by the Queen to Edmund Auncell, Richard Thompson, and others, for the ship named the Unity, going to Algiers to redeem captives. Latin.

10. Fair copy of the preceding.

Oct 11. Sheffield. 11. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. Has mustered the lances and light horse of the county of Derby, but has delayed to send the certificate, as he hopes to increase the present proportion.

Oct 12. Stafford. 12. A declaration of the proceedings of Ralph Higgens, signed by several persons, of whom only John Hamersley and Thomas Doryngton can be fairly distinguished. Almost illegible.

Oct. 20. Bury. 13. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Suffolk to Burghley. Certify their proceedings in the musters. The people generally are content to bear the charge of the musters, but the horses and geldings mustered are for the most part very unfit and very unable for the service. *Inclosing,*

13. I. *Certificate of the view and general muster of lances and light horsemen in seven Hundreds of the county of Suffolk.*

Oct. 20. Hertford. 14. Same for the county of Hertford to Lord Hunsdon. Have mustered all the lances and light horsemen of the county. Have

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appointed the deficient ones to furnish themselves by January next. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Certificate of the horsemen within the county of Hertford; and of the parks and commons for the breed of horses, with the names of the owners or occupiers.*

Oct. 22. Lincoln. 15. Robt. Rishworth, Mayor, and Burgesses of Lincoln to Edward Earl of Lincoln. They can by no means furnish a lance and a light horse, so slenderly stored of horse is their country. Solicit their charge may be commuted into some other provision; or that their lance may be turned into a light horse.

Oct. 23. 16. Elizabeth Fitzgarrat to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Solicits him to move Her Majesty to make her some allowance, in consideration of her service to Her Majesty, and of her severe sickness. Beseeches him to have that fatherly pity of his poor daughter.

Oct. 23. 17. Directions for the Ordinaries how to proceed against those who neglect to attend church, according to the first article for government of the church.

Oct. 25. London. 18. Thomas Lord Paget to his brother Charles Paget. His stay in Rouen is more misliked than his abiding in Paris, considering the company there, as the Bishop of Ross, and such like. Is sorry to hear by some good friends that he carries himself not so dutifully as he ought to do. Will disown him as a brother if he forgets the duty he owes in England.

Oct. 27. 19. Petition of John Doughty to the Council. Having been imprisoned in the Marshalsea for sixteen months, desires that either he may be charged and called to answer, or else that he may be set at liberty.

Oct. 28. Blandford. 20. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Dorset, to the Council. Proceedings in the musters. Have exonerated some of the farmers and tenants of the late Thomas Lord Howard of Bindon. *Inclosing,*

20. I. *Certificate of the demi-lances and light horsemen within the county of Dorset, viewed and mustered at Blandford the 24th of September.*

20. II. *The true certificate of the parks, inclosures, and commons within the county of Dorset, expressing their several circuits, the names of the lords and owners, and the number of mares and stallions kept therein for breeding.*

Oct. 28. 21. Articles to be ministered to John Somerfeld, of Edreston, touching the company he had kept, and his dealings with Jesuits and seminary priests, and by whom was he moved to attempt the most wicked and desperate act he had intended.

Oct. 28. 22. The answers of John Somerfeld, of Edreston, to the preceding interrogatories.

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Oct. 28. 23. Examination of divers persons taken before John Doyley, of Merton, touching certain speeches against the Queen's Majesty, supposed to have been spoken by John Somerfeld, that he meant to shoot her through with his dagg, and hoped to see her head set on a pole, for that she was a serpent and a viper.

Oct. ? 24. Description of Melburne Castle, near Derby, and the defects within and about the same. Lord Paget's tenants are the nearest inhabitants.

Oct. 30. Fleet. 25. Edward Tirrill to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has drawn up a certificate, according to the Council's direction, of the prisoners for religion remaining in his custody in the Fleet Prison.

Oct. 31. 26. Articles to be ministered to John Somerfeld, touching his design for the taking away of Her Majesty's life by discharging a dagg at her person. Notes for Francis Arden and other persons to be examined.

Oct. 31. 27. John Somerfeld's answer to the above articles. Had made Sir John Conway privy to the trouble of his mind.

Oct. 31. 28. Copy of the preceding, with marginal notes by Burghley.

Oct. 31. Kirtling. 29. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Cambridge to Lord Burghley. Their proceedings in the musters. Certificate of the parks. Certificate for the Isle of Ely. Unmannerly answers of Theodore Goodwyn, of Burwell, and Tho. Fokes, who obstinately refuse to be ordered.

Oct. Oatlands. 30. The Queen to Lord Burghley and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. To give instructions to Sir Richard Bingham, under colour of going to take pirates, to take any ships of the States for the debt due by them to Horatio Palavicino and other strangers, for which the Queen was under obligation, as well for the principal as for the interest.

Oct. 31. Articles presented to Her Majesty at St. James's by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Salisbury in the names of themselves and the Bishops of London, Rochester, Lincoln, Peterborough, and Gloucester, for the general government of the Church. Execution of the laws against Recusants. Printing the Bible or New Testament. Preaching. Reading the Scriptures. Admission to orders. Dispensations. Marriage. Excommunications, &c.

Oct. 32. Copy of the preceding.

Oct. ? 33. Heads and copies of some of the preceding articles.

Oct. 34. Petition of Jone Dennys, wife of Nicholas Dennys of St. Catherine's, and daughter of Robert Scott of Mottrom, to the Council; praying that John Brodell and Edward his son may be called to answer for withholding the lease and possession of the parsonage of Mottrom, granted by the late Bishop Cuthbert Scott to her father, for the sum of 700*l.* lent by him to the Bishop.

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Oct. 35. Particulars of the dispensation granted to Mr. Raynolds to hold two benefices, one of which had been granted by the Queen to the present incumbent Jones. Inconveniences that may happen by the granting of such dispensations.

Oct. 36. Memorandum of the heads of certificates of musters of horses in the several shires.

Oct.? 37. "Note of the Causes of the varying from the Books rated by "the Lords" for the furnishing of lances and light horse.

Oct. 38. Notes touching the certificates of the horsemen in the counties of Sussex and Surrey, to be considered by the Council, and an answer to be returned to the Commissioners.

Oct.? 39. Interrogatories to be administered to some person as to where he was at the burial of the Earl of Sussex; of his connexion with one Mosse, communications with the French Ambassador about the Queen of Scots, conference with Fr. Throkmorton, Charles Arundel, Lord Paget, or others.

Oct? 40. Katherine Barthram to Walsyngham. Prays him to procure the Queen's signature to her grant of an alms-room in Clarke's Alley, which he promised to do on his return from Scotland.

Nov. 1. Weymouth. 41. Justices of Dorsetshire to the Council. Have, in pursuance of their letters of the 6th of October, surveyed the castles and forts within the county, and made a report on their state of preservation. Desire that money for completion of the necessary repairs may be transmitted to John Swayne, at Blandford, and William Churchill, at Dorchester. *Inclosing,*

41. I. *Surveyor of Portland, Sandisfoot, and Brownsey Castles, Handfast and Peverell's Point; with a note of the decays and repairs made since the last certificate in* 1579.

41. II. *Certificate of the money expended in the repairs of the forts and castles in the county of Dorset, and of the money still required.*

Nov.? 42. Note of the charge for repair of the forts in Dorsetshire. Supplies for Berwick, Holyhead, and Wark. List of places not yet certified.

Nov. 1. Scott's Hall. 43. Sir Thomas Scott to Richard Barrey. Sends the confirmation of certain articles relative to the works at Dover Haven.

Nov. 1. London. 44. Lord Cobham to the Council. He cannot compound the controversey between Sir Walter Waller and Mr. Potter, finding Mr. Potter not easily satisfied. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Information of Tho. Potter, Justice of Peace in the county of Kent, to the Council, against certain misdemeanors committed by Sir Walter Waller, in counte-*

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nancing certain vagrant persons, being minstrels and players of interludes, who came to Brasted and there made proclamation of an interlude, or play, to be by them played there. Opprobrious speeches uttered by Waller against Potter.

44. II. *Answer by Sir Walter Waller to the bill of complaint made against him by Tho. Potter, Justice of Peace.*

44. III. *Heads of the chief matters contained in the letter of defence of Sir Walter Waller, written to Sir Francis Walsyngham, to be answered by Mr. Potter.* [*See May 20, Waller to Walsyngham.*]

44. IV. *Reply of Thomas Potter to the said chief matters of the letter of Sir Walter Waller above rehearsed, contained in nine heads or articles.*

44. V. *Sir Walter Waller's rejoinder to the reply of Mr. Potter, upon the points of the letter written to Walsyngham.*

Nov. 1. Fleet. 45. Edward Fisher, prisoner in the Fleet, to Walsyngham. Requests him to be present as a special ornament of justice, when his suit is heard before the Star Chamber. Sends a breviate of his cause.

Nov. 2. Perin Sands (co. Cornwall). 46. Ulricke. Frose to ——. Advises him to go to London himself, and to deliver personally the letters to his master and Mr. Burd; and also the letter to Mr. Rowland Railton. Desires to be commended to Mr. Carnesewe.

Nov. 5. 47. A memorial for the Queen's Majesty's learned Counsel, appointed to examine John Somerfeld's wife, sister, and servants.

Nov. 5. 48. Interrogatories to be ministered to Mr. Arden, his wife, and servants, touching his son-in-law, John Somerfeld's treason against Her Majesty, particularly as to the abode of Hall, the priest, in his house.

Nov. 5. 49. Resolution of the Council for a commission of Oyer and Terminer for the trial of John Somerfeld and examination of the prisoners.

Nov. 5? 50. Articles against Tho. Clyff and Richard Johnson, for abusing and contemning Mr. Secretary's warrant, and for using violence to Nicholas Cole, the messenger, being sent to arrest George Clyff and Wm. Greves.

Nov. 6. Serjeant's Inn. 51. Mr. Justice Thomas Meade to Mr. Beale, Clerk of the Council, certifying his knowledge touching certain speeches uttered by John Rodley against Dr. John Bradley, charging him with being a papist and maintainer of Jesuits.

Nov. 7. Fleet Street. 52. Tho. Lord Paget to his servant Richard Ensor. To send him as much money as he could procure by the 16th of the month, and to "let Twynyho and Walklate, and such other as he shall think "meet, come withal, but let them keep it very secret."

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Nov. 7. The Temple. 53. Attorney General Popham to Walsyngham. Sir John Conway has been examined touching his knowledge of John Somerfeld's conspiracy; that Somerfeld told Conway it was resolved he must die for the commonwealth.

Nov. 7. Charlecott. 54. Thomas Wylkes to same. Has endeavoured to gain information of Somerfeld's [Somerville] traitorous resolution against Her Majesty, but thought nothing could be learned except from the confessions of Somerfeld, Arden, Hall the priest, and Somerfeld's wife and sister.

Nov. 7. Charlecott. 55. Same to Burghley, Leicester, and Walsyngham. Reports the result of his examinations and inquiries touching John Somerfeld's treason against Her Majesty. Search of the houses of Edw. Grant and Hall the priest. Full detail of Somerfeld's proceedings.

Nov. 7. 56. Survey and inventory taken at the mines called Okeman's House, in the county of Dorset, by Sir Harry Asheley and Henry Uvedale of all the ore, copperas, and stuff which was found there, at the entry of the Lord Mountjoy, the 27th of October last.

Nov. 7. 57. Edward Boys and Wm. Partheriche to Lord Cobham. They have mustered all the horsemen within the Lathes of St. Augustines. Desire further time for making the certificate of the parks and of the horses and mares bred in them.

Nov. 8. Scott's Hall. 58. Sir Tho. Scott to Henry Guildford, Esq. Thanks him for sending information of the decay between the two sluices at Dover Harbour. Thinks it necessary to stay the full payment of Pett and Baker for the sluice. *Incloses,*

58. 1. *The measurement of the great sluice taken by Stoneham, "the Spendor," and the clerk. Sent from Sir Tho. Scott.*

Nov. 9. 59. Robert Beale to Walsyngham. Has conferred with Sir Ralph Sadleir and Sir Walter Mildmay touching the Lord Henry Howard. Sends the substance of his answer, and desires to know at what time they might make relation of their doings to Her Majesty.

Nov. 10. 60. Petition of Richard Poulet to the Council. Desiring that order may be given to Francis Throckmorton, son and heir of Sir John Throckmorton deceased, and Mr. Puttenham, to make reassurance to him of the Manor of Herierd and Farm of Upton Bernard, in the county of Southampton.

Nov. 12. Manchester College. 61. Examination of John Fynch at Manchester before William, Bishop of Chester, and others, touching Her Majesty's title to the Crown, and the authority of English Bishops.

Nov. 12. 62. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Mr. Pett and others call for the last payment of their money. Recommends a survey to be made of the sluices, as he has heard it reported the works have not been

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performed according to agreement. Sends a note for things to be done this winter. *Incloses,*

62. I. *Note of things required to be done for Dover this winter. Resolution as to Mr. Stickels. Refusal of Mr. Herdeson to supply stone from Folkeston. Punishment of deserters from the works. Money for victualling the labourers, &c.*

Nov. 13. Plymouth. 63. John Sparke, Mayor of Plymouth, and others, to the Council. Request that Sir Francis Drake may be allowed and admitted to be Captain of the Isle and Castle of St. Nicholas at Plymouth, and also for a warrant for levying 100 men for defence of the castle.

Nov. 16. 64. Petition of John Atkynsone, prisoner for debt, to the Council. Desiring their letters to the Commissioners to make an agreement with his creditors, so that he may be restored to liberty.

Nov. 18. The Court. 65. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Tho. Wylkes. Sends two letters, signed, and desires him to bring Mr. Norton with him to the Tower tomorrow morning early, to be present at the racking of Francis Throckmarton.

Nov. 19. Kingston-upon-Hull. 66. The Mayor and Aldermen of Kingston-upon-Hull to Walsyngham. Have sent up Aldermen Thornton and Waikefeilde, and John Lewes, town clerk, to answer an information relative to the decay of their castles and blockhouses.

Nov. 19. 67. The allegations of J. W. for not subscribing to the second of the three Articles offered on the 19th of November, 26 Eliz., by commission from the Archbishop to the ministers within the deaneries of Lewes and Pevensey, in the diocese of Chichester, touching the service prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer and the Articles of the Church.

Nov. 19. 68. Duplicate of the above.

Nov. 21. 69. Thomas Gleane, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Norwich to the Council. Certificate of the strangers residing within their city, to the numberof 4,679, being Dutch refugees and others.

Nov. 21. 70. Interrogatories for the examination of Wm. Thacker, relative to his connection and dealings with John Somerfeld. His acquaintance with priests and Jesuits.

Nov. 21. 71. Examination of William Thacker, servant to Mr. Somerfeld, in answer to the above interrogatories.

Nov. 21. 72. Names of Somerfeld's servants who came up with his wife.

Nov. 21. The Court. 73. Walsyngham to Thomas Smythe, customer of the port of London, or to Mr. Richard Yonge. Desires to know what custom was paid by strangers on every tun of beer exported on licence. With the answer returned by Mr. Smythe.

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Nov. 22. 74. Thomas Smythe, customer of London, to Wm. Carnsewe. Is glad to have spoken with him, and for the papers delivered and his good advice, which he is determined to follow. Mr. Weston was the origin of the business, and who had spoken favourably of him. Thanks for his kindness to Ulricke. Sends him money.

Nov. 22. 75. Petition of the Merchants of the Staple to the Council. That the controversy between them and the Merchant Adventurers touching the exportation of wools and fells may be heard and finally determined before their Lordships.

Nov. 23. London. 76. Thomas Randolphe to Walsyngham. Desires reformation of many abuses and insults offered to the posts. The posts from London to Dover for one whole year remain unpaid. *Incloses,*

76. 1. *The names of such as charge the posts with their private letters and commissions, at one penny the mile.*

Nov. 23? 77. Petition of the Posts between London and the borders of Scotland to the Council, for reformation of sundry disorders in riding posts, which they desire to be considered of.

Nov. 26. Charlewood. 78. James Jordan to John Skynner. Sends a report of his conversation with Peter Snell, servant of Mr. Walter Covert, touching the participation of one Nicholas Wolf, of Washington or Ashington in Sussex, in the late pretended mischief by Somerfeld against Her Majesty.

Nov. 26. 79. Articles and orders taken in the controversy between Rauf Barton and Richard Shuttleworth, depending before the Star Chamber, and referred to the arbitration of Sir John Byron and Sir Richard Sherborne.

Nov. 26. 80. Copy of the above articles, and of similar articles entered into by the parties on 12th of May previous.

Nov. 26? 81. Breviat of lands, with a note of their yearly value, sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; relative to the suit of Mr. Barton.

Nov. 26. At the Court. 82. Lord Burghley to the Officers of the Ports. Commanding them to return a true certificate of the quantities of wheat, butter, and cheese, exported beyond the seas, and upon what licence.

Nov. 26. 83. A memorial of such things as are necessary to be performed this winter, for the finishing of Dover Haven.

Nov. 28. Manchester. 84. William Chaderton, Bishop of Chester, to Walsyngham. Informs him that John Finche, a very seditious recusant, attended the parish church at Manchester, and the next day attempted to drown himself, but that by concourse of good neighbours he was saved from that danger. Requests directions how he shall deal with Finche and the other priests. Severe measures should be taken against the Papists.

Nov. 28. Darlington. 85. Gawen Champernowne (son of Sir Arthur) to same. The Commissioners not having been able as yet to return their

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certificates of the state of the defences of Dartmouth and Plymouth, he had sent some private memoranda of his opinion. Requests that the keeping of those castles may be intrusted to him.

Nov. 28. Warminghurst. 86. Thomas Bishoppe and Richard Shelley to Walsyngham. Have examined Edward Wolf, Mrs. Wolf, John and Tho. Pollerd, William Willett, and John Monke, touching the speeches of which Nicholas Wolf was accused of having uttered against Her Majesty. *Inclosing,*

86. I. *The information of Edward Wolf of Ashington, in Sussex, against Nicholas Wolf, of dangerous words against the Queen.*

86. II. *Examination of Mary Wolf, wife of Mr. Nicholas Wolf, as to certain books found in her house.* *Nov.* 26.

86. III. *Notes of charges against Nicholas Wolf.*

Nov. 87. Petition of John Horton and Tho. Savage, prisoners for debt in the Queen's Bench, to the Council; desiring their letters to the Commissioners to compel Lancelot Johnson to stand to their award.

Nov. 88. Petition of William Hannys, Master to the Children of the Queen's Chapel, to the Council; soliciting an increase of allowance for maintenance of the children, on account of many incidental expenses, the advance of prices in all things since King Henry the the Eighth's time, and the cessation of many fees and emoluments.

Nov. 89. Petition of Edward Grante to the Earl of Leicester; complaining of A. Higgons for arresting him under false pretences. Higgons was an accomplice with Throckmorton, and refused to say "Amen" to grace before meat, and to the prayer for the State and Gospel.

Nov. 90. Petition of Humphry Hull, prisoner for debt, to the Council; desiring letters to the Commissioners for the hearing and ending of all matters between his creditors and him. With list of the names of the Commissioners, Sir Owyn Hopton being at the head of them.

Nov. 91. Petition of John Bradley to the Council; praying to be heard against the slanders of William Rodley, son-in-law of William Simcotts, who accused him of being a papist and maintainer of Jesuits and seminary men.

Nov. 92. Petition of same to Walsyngham. Complains of the calumnies of William Rodley, and desires some favourable testimony to the Judges for the discharge of his recognizance.

Nov. 93. Articles exhibited by Dr. John Bradley to prove that Mr. Jeremy Sapcot was neither a Jesuit nor Her Majesty's enemy, and that he had never spoken to the derogation of the Queen during his abode in Venice.

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Nov. 94. The names of the honorable and worshipful persons to whom Symcotts desires the hearing of his cause to be committed. Offer for the compounding of his suit touching the right of common in Louth.

Nov. 95. Names of gentlemen to be chosen Commissioners in the behalf of the Warden and assistants and other the freeholders of the town of Louth.

Nov. 96. Duplicate of the above.

Nov. 97. Note in Walsyngham's hand of the rates and prices of armour to be supplied; and of various papers relating to the case of Dr. Bradley, Mr. Symcotts, and the town of Louth. Signed W. Symcotts.

Nov. 98. Petition of Tho. Bodham, *alias* Shepard, to the Council. Was prevented from executing his office of constable of the Manor of Eversley by Deodatus Stafferton and Tho. Wood steward of that manor, to the prejudice of the Queen's right. Desires their Lordships' letters to the justices to examine witnesses in the affair.

Nov. 99. Petition of Robert Jetter, of Flixon in co. Suffolk, to Walsyngham. His lands having been forfeited to Her Majesty's use for recusancy, his title was disputed, whereby his children were like to lose their inheritance. Entreats he may have liberty, upon sureties, to appear at the next assizes to defend the said suits.

Nov. 100. Statement of the amount of custom answered to Her Majesty, from the 20th to the 25th years of her reign, for grain transported under licence at various ports.

Nov. 101. Four of the Articles for Reformation in the Church, part of the Articles presented to Her Majesty in October at St. James's.

Nov. 102. Note of the cases in which processes are to be awarded without fees, upon writs of Significavit.

Nov.? 103. A brief discourse of the Tallow Chandlers' suit, in reference to the letters of deputation for inspecting oils, &c., granted to Roger Tyler, tallow chandler.

Nov.? 104. Notes of Remembrance for the finishing of all the walls needful for the backwater at Dover Harbour, and for the accomplishing of other works necessary to be taken in hand the next year, anno 1584.

Nov.? 105. A remembrance of some points whereby the Harbour of Dover may be preserved and repaired, after all the great works are finished.

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Dec. 1. Grant of arms to Gelly Mericke, of Hascard, Pembroke, by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter. [*See Grant of Arms, No.* 14.]

Dec. 1. 1. Alexander Dyer to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Excuses himself from attending on him in person, being in danger of his liberty. Details the state of his embarrassments, and desires that he would obtain for him a protection until he might be able to satisfy his creditors.

Dec. 1. 2. Memorial, in Lord Burghley's hand, of the resolutions of Council; for the better government of the Church; for execution of the laws against evil affected subjects; Jesuits; and for strengthening the defences of the realm.

Dec. 1. 3. Memorial by Robert Beale, Clerk of the Council, of the order of business for the following week; view of the state of the forts; muster of the maritime forces, recusancy, &c.

Dec. 2. Perin Sands. 4. Ulrick Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has received by him the letters and money from his master, Mr. Smythe. Is glad of his return from London. Proceedings in the mining works at Treworthie. Have wrought down 15 fathoms deep and were within one fathom of the ore, when the works were suspended till next spring. Works at St. Tannes [q. St. Anne's]. Has sent Barnard to discover other copper mines. Materials wanting.

Dec. 2. Paris. 5. Thomas Lord Paget to his mother, Lady Paget. Trusts she will not mislike the step he has now taken that he might enjoy liberty of conscience and the free exercise of his religion. Has not done this upon any sudden motion, but after a long time and deliberation. Surely this he has begun is by God's appointment, and for his service, and therefore it cannot be but for the best. If they take all from him it will be very hard dealing, but that he must leave to God and the Queen. P.S. to his sister:—directions for the ordering of his affairs, discharge of his servants, his horses to be sold, &c.

Dec. 2. Paris. 6. Same to Burghley. Fears he will think he has taken in hand a very unadvised enterprise. Had been long minded to travel for two reasons—one for cure of the gout, the other of more moment, for the satisfying of his conscience, about which he has been with himself at a marvellous conflict almost three years. Many other reasons determined him at last to leave his country. Professes most humble and faithful obedience to Her Majesty, whose favor he would esteem more than all other wordly promotion whatsoever. Solicits Burghley's favor and friendship.

Dec. 2. 7. Certificate of the names of persons charged with horses fit for demi-lances and light horse in the county of Buckingham.

Dec. 3. 8. Abstract of the certificates for the muster of lances, light horses, parks, commons, and stallions, with the names of the Commissioners in various shires.

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Dec. 5. 9. The examination of Lady Margery Throkmorton, widow, touching her letter to her son Francis relative to her interview with Owen, Mr. Talbot's man, for the conveying over of her son Thomas by means of the Lady Arundel. Her knowledge of Dr. Fryer.

Dec. 6. Henfield. 10. Tho. Bishoppe and Ric. Shelley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham Examination of Peter Snell upon the points of James Jordeyn's letter. Had taken bonds for the appearance of Mrs. Wolf. *Inclosing,*

10. I. *Examination of Peter Snell, of Crawley in Sussex, touching the words uttered by Edw. Wolf relative to Nicholas Wolf's designs against Her Majesty.*

Dec. 8. 11. Articles presented by a preacher of London named Field, entitled, "Whether it be lawful, by subscription, to confirm, that "the Book of Common Prayer containeth nothing in it contrary to "the Word."

Dec. 8. "Freyedvile." 12. Edward Boys to Walsyngham. Had with Mr. Pett and Mr. Symons taken the depths and levels for the erection of jetties for the mouth of Dover Haven. His opinion on the work. Solicitation of the merchants and inhabitants for some enlargement of the Dover licences.

Dec. 8. 13. Edward Boys and Henry Palmer to same. Substance of a conference with Mr. Pett, John Symons, and others, on the fittest point for opening the mouth of Dover Haven.

Dec. 10. Winchester. 14. The Bishop and Mayor of Winchester, and others of the city, to same. Having information that an assembly was determined to meet and hear mass within the city, they instituted a general search and found nothing in the house of Mr. Warneford, but in Lady West's house they found divers new and old papistical books, printed and written, and in a chest all manner of massing apparel, a chalice of tin, a book full of "singinge cakes," a rich canopy of silver, two Agnus Dei, and many other popish stuff and relics, part of which they send up, with an inventory.

Dec. 10. 15. Articles exhibited by Nicholas Proctor to same against the vexatious suits of the Company of Merchants for the discovery of new trades.

Dec. 10. London. 16. Aldermen Geo. Barne and John Harte, in the name of the Fellowship of Merchants for discovery of new trades, to same. Their answer to the complaints exhibited by Nicholas Proctor. His ill-dealing towards them. *Inclosing,*

16. I. *Answer to the articles of complaint exhibited by Mr. Proctor.*

Dec. 10. Chatham. 17. Peter Pett to same. Himself and Mr. Symonds have held conference with the Masters of Dover touching the fittest place for the outlet of the haven. Hears that several others are suitors for a reversion that had been promised to him.

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Dec. 10. 18. Presentment of the Jury of the Manor Court of Preston, in Aylesford, co. Kent, against Tho. Fluet, Stephen Hartropp, and Wm. Hartropp, for having set up, without licence of the Lord of the Manor, a pair of butts on the common called the Stronde, *alias* Preston Green.

Dec. 11. 19. Articles for the examination of Wm. Bell, Deputy Clerk of the Peace in the county of Worcester, as to his knowledge of Parsons the Jesuit, and his connexion with Lady Throkmarton, and her son Francis.

Dec. 11. 20. Examination of William Bell, taken by Tho. Norton, touching his knowledge of Francis Throckmarton, and Parsons the Jesuit.

Dec. 12. 21. Examination of John Tawke, Esq., before Richard Lewkenor, as to his acquaintance with Anthony Crompton, supposed to be a priest; and also as to his acquaintance with one Fowler, Mr. Shelly's man.

Dec. 12. 22. Confession of Francis Throkmarton touching his dealings with the Duke of Lennox, with whose secretary he had had conference, in the gallery of the French Ambassador, on the state of Scotland.

Dec. 12. 23. Examinations of John Mychell (servant of Edward Caryll, Esq.), Edward Caryll, Esq., Tho. Pellet, and Tho. Barnard, as to any knowledge of the conveying away of Lord Paget and Charles Arundel beyond seas. Saying of Chr. Haynes, that Mr. Shelley had better have spent 500*l.* than that this matter should come in question.

Dec. 13. 24. Abstract of the opinions of Mr. Field, the preacher, of London, on various points of service in the Book of Common Prayer. Faults in the order for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Confirmation, &c.

Dec. 13. 25. John Symon's bill of charges for his services at Dover, in conjunction with Mr. Pett, in taking the depths and soundings for the entrance to Dover Haven.

Dec. 14. 26. Examination of William Warde, solicitor and secretary of Lord Paget, as to his knowledge of Lord Paget's affairs and property, and of his departure into France, and of the persons resorting to his house.

Dec. 14. 27. Examination of Cicely Hopton, touching her speeches with George Throckmorton.

Dec. 14. London. 28. Edward Osborne, Lord Mayor of London, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, requesting that the order for preventing carriers travelling either by packhorse or cart, on the Sabbath Day, may be extended to the suburbs of London, as well as the City. *Incloses,*

28. 1. *The petition of the Master, Wardens, and Fellows of the Company of Innholders of London to the Lord Mayor, praying that the carriers may not be permitted to depart out of London on the Sabbath Day.*

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Dec. 15. 29. Deposition of John Throkmorton as to the contents of a letter brought to Mrs. Throgmorton. Delivery of a green velvet casket to the Spanish Ambassador's man.

Dec. 15. 30. Confession of John Tawke, set down with his own hand. His reception of Mr. Bray and a man named Crompton. Information given by Crompton touching Mr. Shelley and other Papists.

Dec. 15. 31. Extract out of the examination of John Tawke relative to the assistance afforded by him to Anthony Crompton at the request of one Bray.

Dec. 15. The Gilt Key. 32. Tho. Wylkes and Tho. Norton to Walsyngham. They have not been able to discover the letter sent on Friday to Mrs. Throkmorton although the boy fully confessed having received the same from George Throkmorton.

Dec. 17. 33. Examination of Christopher Harris who keepeth a Tabling house and tavern in Arundel, as to the departure of Lord Paget and Charles Arundel into France without licence.

Dec. 17. Windsor. 34. Robert Beale to Walsyngham. Her Majesty had deferred signing certain papers till next day on account of her headache, with the exception of the letter to the Justices of Ireland touching the Earl of Desmond's commission. Her Majesty's answer to Mr. Bowes's letters touching the Duke of Lennox. Directions to delay the journey of Mons. De la Motte, northward, till news should be received from Scotland. To consider of instructions to Mr. Davison.

Dec. 17. 35. Reply of Nicholas Proctor, to the answer, made by the Company for the discovery of new trades, to the articles exhibited by him the 16th of December.

Dec. 17. 36. Interrogatories for the examination of the Earl of Northumberland, on his knowledge of the proceedings of Francis Throkmarton, and Lord Paget. The coming of Charles Paget into England. Conference with Lord Henry Howard.

Dec. 17. London. 37. W. B. to Charles Paget, at Rouen. Has received two letters from him, for which he returns thanks. Will forward the letter to Dr. Bourne and give his duty to the lady, his mother, who was always most joyous to hear from him. Desires to be informed if he had received certain money, and to be commended to Mr. Davison and his wife.

Dec. 17. London. 38. Ri. Mœmor to same. Has received no letters from him for 12 months: His nearest friends took his departure very heavily. Prays him to be careful what he writes.

Dec. 17. 39. Articles for the examination of John Tawke touching his intercourse with Mr. Braye and Anthony Crompton; also as to the letters

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or messages he had received from Mr. William Shelley, of Michelgrove, and what massing priests he knoweth to haunt in the shire of Sussex.

Dec. 17. 40. Answers of John Tawke to the preceding articles.

Dec. 18. 41. Interrogatories for the examination of Mrs. Anne Throkmorton and Mrs. Mary Throkmorton; with their answers to the same.

Dec. 18. 42. Nicholas Proctor to Lady Walsyngham. Returns thanks for her honourable husband's letter to the Governor of the Muscovy Company in his behalf. Desires her favorable protection.

Dec. 18. 43. Interrogatories to be answered by George More, Esq. Of his residence abroad and acquaintance, his connexion with Charles Paget, Thomas Morgan the Earl of Shrewsbury's secretary, correspondence with the Queen of Scots; his knowledge of Francis Throkmarton, Lord Paget, Lord Henry Howard, and Charles Arundel.

Dec. 20. 44. George More to Walsyngham? In answer to the above interrogatories, makes a full and candid confession in answer to every article; protesting, upon Her Majesty's mercy which has been extended to him, never to commit the like again. His transactions with the Earl of Shrewsbury in negociating a bill of the Queen of Scots for 200*l.* for conveyance of letters between her and Charles Paget.

Dec. 20. 45. Examination of John Halter, of Arundel, shipmaster, taken before Thomas Wylkes and Thomas Norton, as to conveying various persons beyond the seas and landing them in France, and his late carrying a gentleman (Lord Paget) over to Dieppe, whose name he knew not.

Dec. 20. 46. Examination of William Warde before the same, touching the departure of the Lord Paget beyond the seas. Francis Throkmarton was with Lord Paget and supped with him at his lodging in Fleet Street.

Dec. 20. 47. F. V. to Charles Paget. Informs him that his mother's house in Fleet Street had been strictly searched, and also in Staffordshire, and at the Charter House; also Lady Walgrave's house, and the money and plate taken by the sheriff. Somerfeld, Arden and his wife, and Hall, have been arraigned and condemned; Throkmarton to be arraigned to morrow; he had often been racked but confessed nothing. The Earls of Northumberland and Arundel are confined to their houses.

Dec 20. 48. The declaration of George Lawe, made before Lord Buckhurst, relative to the contents of a little bag picked up by him in the dining chamber of the Lady Arundel, at Chichester, in which was found a cloth dipped in blood, and other trumpery. Priests resort-

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ing to the Earl of Arundell. The Lady Arundel and Lady Margarette Sackville attended mass in London at Lord William Howard's house.

Dec. 20. 49. Examination of John Neve, the Lieutenant of the Tower's servant, taken by Mr. Att. General Popham, as to the custody of certain boxes of evidences belonging to Edward Arden, and as to a bet for 20*l.* between him and Arden.

Dec. 20. Whrynehyll. 50. Sir Ralph Egerton to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. Papists' letters seized by him in the town of Whrynehyll (Wrinehill, Stafford). Thinks the Papists are allowed too much liberty. *Incloses,*

50. I. *The examination of William Rosse, page to Tho. Clifton, of Westby in Lancashire, taken with a letter from Elizabeth FitzHerbert, and employed in conveying letters from one papist to another.*

50. II. *Letter of Elizabeth FitzHerbert to her nephew. That they cannot spare Ric. Cotton with horses for him; but if he will come and spend Christmas with them, they will be glad to see him. Ridware Hampstall, Dec.* 12, 1583.

Dec. 20. 51. Bill of Inquiry preferred against Morgan Traheron and John Pellatory, of Kingston, co. Hereford, for the coining of money.

Dec. 24. 52. Articles to be ministered to the Earl of Arundell by Lord Hunsdon and Sir Walter Mildmay. His conference with Lord Paget and Charles Arundel before their going out of England. Transactions with the Earl of Northumberland and the Queen of Scots.

Dec. 24. 53. Answers of the Earl of Arundell to the preceding interrogatories. That he was not aware of the departure of Lord Paget and Chs. Arundel beyond seas, nor had held any secret meetings with the Earl of Northumberland, Charles Arundel, or others. Had never received any letters from the Queen of Scots. Never heard of any jesuit or seminary priest visiting Lady Arundell.

Dec. 24. 54, 55. Two other copies of the above answers.

Dec. 24. 56. Receipt by Richard Catesby for the sum of 7*l.* 10*s.* from Sir Wm. Catesby, for one quarter's annuity due on the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle last.

Dec. 25. Exeter. 57. Sir John Gilberte to the Earl of Bedford. Survey of the castles of Dartmouth and Kingswere. Desires that brass ordnance may be sent for the fortifying of Kingswere Castle, as the sea would corrode the iron. Has received advertisements from St. Lucar in Spain, that three noblemen of Scotland were at that Court, to conclude the marriage of the King of Scots with the King of Spain's daughter.

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Dec. 26. 58. Lord Buckhurst to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His sorrow that Her Majesty disapproved of his proceedings in the case of Mr. Lawe. Thanks him for his good offices in removing the Queen's dissatisfaction. *Incloses,*

58. I. *A relation by Lord Buckhurst of the whole course of his proceeding with George Lawe, upon letters received from the Council for his apprehension.*

Dec. 26. 59. Confession of Alexander Barry taken before Sir Richard Greynvile and Barnard Drake touching a popish book or catechism set forth by one named Laurence Vaux, belonging to William Edmonds, servant of Mr. Chapell, and used by him in the church of Great Torrington.

Dec. 26. 60. Examination of Tho. Chapell, Esq., relative to the popish book brought by his servant William Edmonds to the church of Great Torrington.

Dec. 26. 61. Examination of Humfrey Reynolds, servant of Mr. Anthony Copleston, touching the popish book, brought by Edmonds to the church.

Dec. 27. Redford. 62. Sir Richard Greynvile to the Council. Reports on the state of the Castle and Island of Tintagel. The isle as it is now left is a dangerous receptacle for an evil affected person, and is kept by one John Hendey, who is thought to be evil affected in religion. Recommends Mr. George Grenvile, now sheriff of the county, to be appointed to take charge of it,

Dec. 27. Litchfield. 63. Bishop Overton to Walsyngham. Some events have fallen out in his diocese of Lichfield since his arrival, with which he thought it his duty to make the Council acquainted. [*Probably alluding to the letter of Sir Ralph Egerton, 20 Dec.*]

Dec. 28. 64. Examination of John Neve, as to a letter written by Edward Arden, prisoner in the Tower, to his son. Information of conveyances made by Edward Arden, in behalf of his wife.

Dec. 28. 65. Confession of Hughe Thornley, preacher of the Word at Arundel. Relation of occurrences on the departure of Richard Eston and John Cutler, scholars of Oxford, into France.

Dec. 28. 66. The examination of Simon Smyth as to the conveying of two packs to Christopher Haines' house at Arundel.

Dec. 28. 67. Examination of John Ramsden. Had been hired by Simon Smyth, servant to the Earl of Northumberland, to carry a pack to the house of Christopher Haines, which was so weighty that it almost spoiled his horse in carrying it from Petworth to Arundel.

Dec. 28. 68. Examination of George Breton, touching his knowledge of Robothom, servant of the Earl of Northumberland, and the lending of his white gelding to Mr. Cotton, on the day Shafto's lodge was searched.

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Dec. 28. 69. W. S. to George Breton. Demanding payment for books which he had delivered to him: with the names of the books and numbers of copies received by Breton.

Dec. 28. 70. Examination of John Legg, servant to the Earl of Northumberland, as to where he was when Arthur Shafto's house was searched. His conversation with a gentleman clad in a white frieze jerkin and a pair of hosen of buff leather, who came from Mr. Breton's, and the occasion of his lending to him his cloak and boots.

Dec. 28. 71. Examination of James Kyrshaye, servant to Mr. Breton. His dealings with the stranger to whom he delivered his master's white gelding. Had formerly lived with Mr. Geo. Cotton.

Dec. 29. 72. Circular letter from the Council to the Commissioners of Musters in the Maritime Counties. To take a view of all the able men within their counties, and to have them in readiness for defence of the realm in case of any sudden invasion. Provision of armour and shot, and for supply of all deficiencies that may be found. *Inclosing,*

72. I. *Schedule of the proportion of men, with the several rates and the whole charge of the weapons to be supplied, set down for defence of the Maritime Counties.*

Dec. 29.] 73. Same to the Commissioners of Musters in the Inland Shires; the same in effect as the preceding.

Dec. 29. Whitehall. 74. The Council to the Commissioners for Musters in the county of Huntingdon. The supply of arms and munition not being sufficient, if any enterprise of invasion should be attempted, Her Majesty had consented to lessen the number of men formerly required, on condition that they would thoroughly furnish a smaller number and keep them in constant readiness. A review to be held of the able men appointed to be kept in readiness, and a perfect roll of their names and places of residence to be made. Increase and supply of arms and armour.

Dec. 29. Foster Lane. 75. Wm. Fletewoode, Recorder, to Lord Burghley. Sends the examinations of certain persons touching the escape of Andrew Forde. Advises the arrest of old Mrs. Elizabeth Feild and Elizabeth Deaken her daughter, wife of John Deaken, *Incloses,*

75. I. *Examination of Humfrey Feild, grocer in Friday Street, as to his knowledge of Barnard and Elizabeth Johnson, alias Deaken, children of John Deaken and Elizabeth Deaken, daughter of Bernard Feild, lately deceased; and concerning the escape of Andrew Forde.*

75. II. *The examination of Henry Remmyngton, relative to the children of John and Elizabeth Deaken, alias Johnson; and touching the escape of Andrew Forde.*

75. III. *Peter Hammond to Lord Cobham, relative to the escape of Andrew Forde. Desires pardon for his negligence in the affair. Deal, December* 26, 1583. *Incloses,*

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75. IV. *The confession of the children named Barnard and Elizabeth Johnson (alias Deaken) detained at Deal Castle.*

Dec. 30. 76. Lord Buckhurst to Walsyngham. Information by John Woodman relating to Richard Gilford, of Rye, suspected to be a carrier of letters to Papists abroad. Advises secrecy for the present. *Incloses,*

76. I. *Examination of John Woodman, of the Cliff near Lewes, touching the conveyance of Papists' letters from Rye to Dieppe by Richard Gilford and Tho. Chapman.*

Dec. 31. 77. Examination of Hugh Hall, priest. His knowledge of Sir Tho. Cornwallys and Sir Tho. Kidson. Has said mass at Mr. Ralph Sheldon's house. He resided 14 years with Mr. John Talbot, Sir John Throkmorton, Lord Windsor, and Mr. Sheldon.

Dec. 31. 78. A brief collection or note of the estate wherein Sir Wm. Pelham, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, standeth in his accompt for 10 years, from the 1st of February, 1574, to the last of December, 1583; with a note of the balance due to Her Majesty.

Dec. 31. 79. Accompt returned by Sir William Pelham of the money received and expended by him, as Lieutenant of the Ordnance, for 10 years ending Dec. 31 1583.

Dec. 31. London. 80. Edw. Osborne, Lord Mayor, to the Council. The Irish found begging in the streets of London have been arrested by his order, and committed to Bridewell. Desires they may be sent back to Ireland, and order taken that no more may be permitted to come to London. *Incloses,*

80. I. *A list of the names of the Irish men and women committed to Bridewell the 28th and 29th of December,* 1583.

Dec. 31. 81. A note of beer and corn transported by virtue of Her Majesty's licence granted to the Mayor and Jurats of Dover, for repair of the works at Dover Harbour.

Dec. St. James's. 82. The Queen to the Sheriffs of Derby and Leicester, commanding them to assist the Earl of Shrewsbury, Sir Ralph Sadleyr and Sir Henry Nevill, in furtherance of a special service of great importance. [*A copy of this letter appears to have been sent to the Earl of Shrewsbury, &c., on the* 31*st March* 1584.]

Dec. 83. John Guilpine to Walsyngham. Suggests that much information respecting Charles Arundel might be obtained by the examination of Sir Matthew Arundel, young Harrington, and James Baker his servant, the latter to be examined first, as he could discover the dealings of the Papists; also one Harrison, of the Temple, a very perilous popish fellow, to be examined.

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1583. Dec. 84. Petition of Jeffery Glyd, Jurat of Dover, to the Council. Complains that William Willis, now Mayor of Dover, had admitted John Garrett to the office of Jurat, he having forfeited his privilege, refusing to take the required oaths of office.

Dec. ? 85. A treatise written in defence of the Queen against the malicious slanders and libels, both English and foreign, imputing to her unjust and cruel persecutions of the Catholics in England. Recapitulation of the traitorous dealings of English fugitives abroad; of Charles Earl of Westmoreland, old Norton, and Markinfield. Treason of Thos. Stuckley and Dr. Sanders; their rebellions and deaths in Ireland. The leniency of the Queen in comparison with her sister Queen Mary. Not one fortieth part of the number executed in the twenty-five years of her reign as had been in the six years of Mary. [*A long but unfinished paper, corrected throughout by Lord Burghley.*]

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1. A brief certificate of the clergy within the diocese of St. David's, taken in the first visitation of the Rev. Father in God, Marmaduke Middleton, Bishop of the same, anno Domini 1583. Spiritual destitution throughout the whole of the diocese, there being but 14 preachers of beneficed graduates. Names and values of the benefices. State of crime. Articles to be inquired of in the ordinary visitation. Orders as to admission into spiritual livings, for confirmation of children, and for study of the clergy.

2. Duplicate of the above.

3. Names of certain parties who do not resort to the Church nor Sacraments in the Diocese of Bangor. Names of officers exercising jurisdiction therein. Great want of preachers; but few divines are skillful in the Welch tongue. Signed by Bishop Robinson.

4. John Hartforde and Robert Smithe, Arbitrators on the part of William Smythurste, to Walsyngham. Report on the matter in controversy between him and Nicholas Browne, whose arbitrators refuse to deal any further in the matter.

5. An information of the disorders practised by the officers of Newgate prison, in the levying of fines and taking bribes by old and young Crowder, the gaolers. Crowder and his wife be most horrible blasphemers and swearers.

6. A note of such fines, heriots, and other profits as Sir Herbert Croft hath received of the customary and copyhold tenants of Leominster-Oare, in the manors of Ivington, Stockton, and Stoake, in the county of Hereford, since he took the lease of those manors from the Queen's Majesty.

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7. Articles and reasons in favour of the Statutes made since Her Majesty's reign for the maintenance of navigation; and increase of seamen for the navy by encouragement of the fisheries.

8. Certain special reasons needful and expedient for the maintenance of the Statute 23 Eliz. for the maintenance of the navigation, concerning fish and fishermen.

9. List of the names of certain gentlemen proposed for the levying of horses in the county of Warwick; with note indorsed for none to be appointed till his Lordship had conferred with the writer.

10. Notes made by the Attorney General touching an intended invasion of the realm by Spain, collected from the depositions of John Hart, Ralph Nicholson, Edw. Rushton, and Francis Throkmarton. Correspondence with Sir Francis Englefyld.

11. Proceedings with the late Earl of Sussex's feoffees for payment of his debts to the Queen, with the offers made to them by Henry Ratcliffe Earl of Sussex, particularly relating to the lands of Glastonbury and Molton.

12. The state of Wm. Darrell's writ of error concerning the Earl of Hertford's manors of Wexcomb, *alias* Westbedwyn, and Burbage Savage, showing how the same standeth in law and equity; with the Earl's suit for stay of Mr. Darrell's further proceedings.

13. A note of armour and other warlike furniture to be provided by the clergy in the county of Leicester, as they are appointed by the Deputy Lieutenants.

14. Index to the Herald's Visitation of the county of Stafford entitled "The Table to Staffordshire Visitation, taken 1583."

15. Petition of Alice Smythe, wife of Clement Smythe, and Avery Sedgwick, wife of John Sedgwick, to the Council. Complain of the arbitrary conduct of John Croke, of Southampton, who had wrongfully expulsed John Sedgwick from possession of the tenement called the Dolphin in Southampton.

16. Petition of Edward Waters, warden, and other the Inhabitants of Sittingbourne, Kent, to the Council. Complain of John and Nicholas Fynche, of Feversham, and Stephen Pardage, of Sittingbourne, for obstructing them in the practice of archery in the field called Baforde Field. Desire they may be sent for to answer before the Council.

17. Petition of Edmond Dighton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desiring his assistance to determine the controversy between him and Sir John Clifton touching the forfeiture of a bond of 200*l.* made to the Lady Talboys, now Sir John Clifton's wife.

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18. Interrogatories for the examination of Lawrence Vaws, and Mr. Tichebourne, touching the reason of their departure beyond sea, the popish relics they had brought over with them, &c.

19. William Vavasour to Walsyngham. Desires to know his pleasure in behalf of his brother, imprisoned in the Gatehouse.

20. Petition of Tho. Vavasour, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to same That he was willing to submit to Her Majesty's proceedings, as well in causes concerning religion as also in all other matters. Desires to be restored to liberty.

21. Information of Richard Topclyffe, *alias* ꝺ, of the intended departure of John Gerard, the Jesuit priest, and Richard Blount, beyond the seas. Personal description of Gerard.

22. Information of the present state of Sussex touching religion: suspected persons to be removed from the commission of the Peace, number of preachers to be increased. Conveyance of letters to Papists from Rye, as to Richard Gilford, and others.

23. A note of the disposition of the gentlemen in Cheshire, how they are affected in religion: arranged in lists under their respective Hundreds.

24. The answer of George Sylver, gent., to the bill exhibited to the Council by John Buller, sheriff of Somerset, in excuse of his injury done unto the said George in executing the office of Shire Clerk of Somerset, as the lawful deputy of Thomas Mitton. Desires that he may be restored to the quiet execution of his said office.

25, 26. Duplicate and copy of the above. [*Two Papers.*]

27. Verses and notes detailing the cruelties of Queen Elizabeth to the Catholics. Latin.

28. Articles drawn out of the declaration of Richard Smyth, late schoolmaster to Lord Sheffield, concerning the religion, contract and marriage of the Lord Sheffield with Ursula Tirwight in Sir Robert Tirwight's house. Resort of Papists in Mr. William Tirwight's house at Twigmore.

29. W. Spenser to Mr. Claxton at Wynyard. Has safely arrived at the end of his journey. Advises him to allow Ralph to travel or to send over without delay, and everything shall be provided for him.

30. Certificate of such as are Recusants in the city of Exeter, and are there for the same imprisoned. Signed by William Marvyn, sheriff of Exeter.

31. Wm. Solers' exceptions against John Awbrey, now in election to be Sheriff of the county of Brecknock, being suspected in religion and implicated in the murder and manslaughter of the servants of one John Games.

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32. Another paper of exceptions by William Solers, similar to the preceding.

33. Answers by John Awbrey to the untrue exceptions laid in against him. His quarrel with John Games was ended five years since by the now Lord President of Wales and Sir Philip Sydney.

34. Notice of Robert Glanfyld, servant to Sir Tho. Cornwallis, who accompanied Wm. Cornwallis; and of Tho. Gylpyne, who accompanied Wm. Tharley.

35. to Mr. Secretary [Walsyngham?]. Has been informed by Mr. Anthony Brigham that he approved of the Western discoveries in America. Recommends the formation of a company and advises them to hearken to the offers of Sir Phil. Sidney and Sir George Peckham.

36. Declaration by Robert Lord Rich of the reasons which induced him to displace Wm. White from the keeping of his park, with Lord Rich's answer to White's complaint.

37. Names of gentlemen who have travelled into foreign parts; at the head of the list is Sir Philip Sidney.

38. Petition of Francis Fernando (or Hernandez) of Viana to the Council. Desiring restitution of the spoil committed upon three Portugal vessels by Henry Uttryd's ships, off the coast of Newfoundland.

39. Answer of Mr. Uttryd (or Oughtred) to the demand of Francis Fernando.

40. Note how Mr. Oughtred's ship was dealt with at Cadiz. Spanish.

41. English translation of the preceding.

42. Examination of John Jenñ [q. Jenkins], of Llanbedder in the county of Cardigan, taken before Sir Edward Wynfield and Samuel Norton, Esq., concerning abuses of musters, by Francis Jones, who had pressed six soldiers and released five of them again.

43. Examination of Tho. Lloyd, of Llanstiffan in the county of Carmarthen, taken before the same, concerning abuses of musters.

44. Robert Holland to Walsyngham. Has been long imprisoned in the Marshalsea for recusancy, but nothing has been proved against him. Prays to be set at liberty.

45. The answer of Francis Rodes, serjeant at law, to the hard and injurious dealings (so termed) supposed to have been done by the said Francis to Sir Richard Pype and his tenants; relative to the boundaries of Barlebrough Park and other premises.

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46. Note of the principal officers of the army; among others, the Lord Graye, General, Sir Wm. Peckham, Lieut.-General, Sir Robt. Constable, Marshal, Sir Philip Sidney, General of Horse, &c., with the names of gentlemen in various counties willing to serve.

47. Answer of Tho. Howard to the men of Weymouth. Thanks the Council for granting him permission, for his defence, to urge the reasons of his doings. Brooke was not committed for doing his duty, but only imprisoned for his contemptuous disobedience.

48. Note of matters to be propounded in Council.

49. Memorial for public causes. Mounting of ordnance at Tynemouth Castle Something to be given to the widow Eustace, &c.

50. Interrogatories to be ministered to William Hance concerning ecclesiastical and civil obedience due to Queen Elizabeth, with his answers to the same.

51. Abstract of the articles of Walter Wyks against Wm. Darke and Hugh Smith, both deceased, for certain unreverend speeches against Her Majesty, the Council, and all the ladies and gentlemen of the Court. Darke supported Sir Tho. Throgmorton. The said Wyks molested by Hugh Smith. Similar articles against Sir Nicholas Poyntz, Sir Richard Barkley, and Mr. Tho. Throgmorton, with a note of Mr. Wyks' request to the Council.

52. Note of money leviable upon the Recusants and Clergy, with appointment of part of the produce to the Earl of Leicester, Sir Tho. Cecill, and Sir Philip Sidney.

53. The answer of Wm. Skelton, Mayor of New Woodstock, to the complaint of George Whitton, Esq., touching the election of mayor and the corrupt dealing of Wm. Skelton in that behalf, &c.

54. Petition of the Pilots of the Trinity House of Newcastle-on-Tyne to Lord Admiral Lincoln. That they may be permitted to enjoy the charter granted to them, until their suit with the Mayor and Aldermen, respecting the legality of the same, be tried and ended.

55. Petition of Edward Stephens, deputy searcher at Dover, to the Council. Requests protection against certain suits likely to be urged against him by Gregory Osbaldeston, John Southworth, and James Fitz-Symonds, for staying them at Dover.

56. Suit of Merchants trading to Turkey, to be furnished with three ships to meet the increasing demands of their traffic with Turkey. They have three ships now building, and last year freighted seven ships for those parts.

57. Petition of Merchants trading to Turkey to the Council, desiring licence to send away three ships to Tripoli and Constantinople, for goods already lying there for shipment.

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58. Observations and answers of the Venetian Merchants to the statements in the letters of the Duke of Venice relative to avoidance of the licence to Acerbo Velutelli, and the new impost on currants, &c.

59. Answers of Acerbo Velutelli to certain objections against his licence for the importation of corinths and oils. Proviso against abuse of the licence.

60. Requests of the Levant Merchants to have Acerbo Velutelli's licence called in and to be made void and frustrate, and for letters to be written to the Seniory of Venice as to the removal of imposts in England.

61. Copy of the above.

62. Reasons of the Merchants trading to Venice, to prove that Acerbo Velutelli has abused his licence.

63. Petition of Merchants trading to the Levant, complaining of the licence granted to Acerbo Velutelli, obtained by untrue suggestions, of the whole trade and bringing in of corantes and Greek oils, to the great damage of the trade of the English merchants. Supplicate that his patent may be repealed.

64. Answer on the behalf of Acerbo Velutelli to the complaint of the Merchants, proving that his licence is not injurious to them.

65. Petition of Signor Acerbo Velutelli to the Council, touching his licence for the importation of corinths, or currants; with particulars of his claims. Italian.

66. Declaration by Mr. Hippolyto made to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, concerning the sum of money paid by Acerbo Velutelli to Richard Patrike for renewal of a certain lease.

67. Petition of Gillis Hoefnagle to the Council, complaining of the hard usage he experienced from his creditors and the Keeper of the Bench, considering he was only imprisoned for debt.

68. Demands of Don Barnardino de Mendoza, the Spanish Ambassador, for the release of Hoefnagle from his irons, and for satisfaction according to justice. Signed R. Windam. [*Sent with the preceding document to the Council.*]

69. A treatise, in French, on the arms, munitions, and other materials necessary for the formation and defence of a camp.

70. Objections and answers to the suit and petition of the Earl of Cumberland made to Her Majesty, touching the importation of merchandise by foreign merchants.

71. The names of the persons that have been apprehended for the spoil committed by Mr. Seckford's ship upon Herman Van Oldinshed, merchant of Lubec.

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1583? 72. Description of William Tharley, a seminary priest, born at Wyn in Derbyshire, and brought up in a seminary college at Rheims.

73. Petition of Richard Justice, to the Council; that in consideration of his long service in the wars, he may have a licence to keep a game for the exercise of the caliver and pike in Berkshire; an exercise very laudable for the training of able men for service.

74. State of the suit in controversy between Thomas and Robert Nudigate, relative to the property of a farm called Keynhoe. Lord Paget, Sir Henry Lea, Mr. John Harrington, and Mr. John Stanhope proposed as arbitrators.

75. Articles, in Walsyngham's hand, for the examination of D. Good's widow as to her knowledge of H. Donne. John Savage to be arrested.

76. "The resolution of a pretenced sillogisme, captiouslie and "unsufficiently concludinge the Archbishop of Canturbury, by "practise of the Popish tirannye, to indanger Her Majesty's safetie." Arguments against the allowance of the creeping in of Popish tiranny.

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A Book of Leases of lands manors, messuages, tenements, &c., granted by Queen Elizabeth, from the 1st to the 26th year of her reign: specifying the names of the lessees, the rents reserved and fines paid: with an excellent index of names alphabetically arranged under the initial letter.

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Jan. 1. 1. Examination of George Breton before Thomas Wylkes and Tho. Norton as to lending his white gelding to Cotton, *alias* Martin, the priest. Has been acquainted with Cotton for six years.

Jan. 1. 2. Examination of William Bell. His acquaintance with one Parsons of Baliol College, Oxford.

Jan. 1. 3. N. B. to Mr. Thomas [Phelippes?]. Excuses himself for demanding a warrant or protection for his discharge, as he has only exercised the office of informer for the benefit of the country and not for gain. When any rare or desperate exploit is to be done he will always be found resolute and ready. Desires to be remunerated out of the Papists' money.

Jan. 2. 4. Examination of John Cutler taken before Lord Buckhurst. Touching the cause of his departure beyond seas with Richard Eston, and what he took over with him. Had a little bag of black stones, of jet, given to him by Isabel Wickam, and an epitaph on Dr. Martin, deceased, at Rheims.

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Jan. 2. 5. Examination of Richard Eston, by Lord Buckhurst. Contents of his luggage on going beyond seas, with Cutler. Explains about the beads of jet, and Dr. Martin's epitaph.

Jan. 3. Chesterford. 6. Lord Thomas Howard to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has not been able to apprehend Bayley, his brother's servant, because he had dismissed him for disobedience unto Her Majesty's proceedings.

Jan. 7. Paris. 7. Richard Hakluyt, preacher, to same. His opinion on the intended voyage of Western discovery. The trade in furs and hides was very rich. Would be willing to accompany the expedition, and to employ all his simple observations and reading in it, and upon intimation being given, with the wings of Pegasus he would soon fly into England. Has talked with Don Antonio, of Portugal, and others, and they all wish prosperity to Her Majesty. About 120 Portuguese still hang upon the poor King.

Jan. 7. Clifton. 8. Sir John Horsey and Edward Seintbarbe to the Council. Have apprehended and examined one James Baker, a very rebellious papist and seditious person, who went about with Edmond Campion's books under colour of an old commission granted to Mr. John Harrington. *Inclosing,*

8. I. *Examination and confession of James Baker, denying the Church of England to be the true catholic church. Had lately been at Rheims and heard mass there.*

Jan. 7. Plymouth. 9. John Sparke, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth, to the same. Requesting that the keeping of the Isle and Castle of St. Nicholas may be intrusted to Sir Francis Drake, one of the brethren of the town, sworn, and a gentleman most able and fit for that room. *Inclosing,*

9 I. *Claim of the Town of Plymouth, to appoint the captain of St. Nicholas Island, or else to be free from the charge of maintaining it.*

9. II. *A perfect note of the ordnance and other munition now in readiness for the defence of St. Nicholas' Isle, near Plymouth. Signed "John Sparke, maior," and by several others.*

Jan. 8. 10. Declaration and confession of John Bogge made to the Recorder of London, of the receipt of certain letters from the three daughters of Nicholas Leysfeyld, who were living at Gibraltar, and married to three Spaniards.

Jan. 9. Salisbury. 11. Earl of Pembroke and others, Commissioners of Musters for the county of Wilts, to the Council. That they thought there must be some mistake in the numbers set down in their Lordships' letters, to be furnished by the county. *Inclosing,*

11. I. *Abstract of the last certificate of musters made anno* 22 *Eliz.*

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11. II. *Copy of the schedule transmitted in the Council's letters of the 29th Dec. of the number of men to be furnished by the county of Wilts.*

Jan. 9. Salisbury. 12. Earl of Pembroke and others to the Council. Desiring that the city of Salisbury may not be exempted or charged separately from the rest of the shire.

Jan. 9. 13. Examination of Tho. Fells, footman to the Earl of Northumberland, touching the delivery of a letter from the Lord Paget, said to have been seen by Sir Tho. Leighton. That he had not been to the Earl of Arundell's house since his master's restraint. Lady Northumberland to be received at Mrs. Blackwell's house at her coming to town. Signed by Robert Beale and Fra. Flower.

Jan. 10. 14. Articles extracted out of the Council's letter of instructions to the several shires, for the taking of musters.

Jan. 10. Guildford. 15. William and Geo. More and Laurence Stoughton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Arrest and examination of John Hardie, a man ill affected in religion, for speaking in defence of [John] Bodye and [John] Slade lately executed at Winchester, and of the cause for which they died. *Inclosing,*

15. I. *Examination of John Hardie of Farnham. Denies any familiar acquaintance with Bodye and Slade lately executed. Conversation after dinner with Peter Hampden and Peter German.*

15. II. *Examination of Peter German and Peter Hampden as to the after dinner conversation.*

Jan. 10. Dover. 16. Commissioners of Dover Harbour to same. Have surveyed and report on the decays and ruins on the sea side at Dover. A new groyne to be immediately made and other works commenced. Provision of new materials. Appointment of officers. Henry Gouldeforde to superintend the works.

Jan. 10. 17. A collection of the papers and writings found about Jervais Pierpoint and in his lodging in the Marshalsea; consisting of—

17. I. A tract of many pages, headed "The manner how to make "our Confession, which is accustomed to be done every "8th day."

17. II. George Clyfton to Jervais Pierpoint, at the Marshalsea, if he be there. 1st Aug. 1583.

17. III. C. Hedworthe (?) to his father; for a supply of money.

17. IV. Order for prayers on certain days.

17. V. Henry Dunne (?) to his father, Jervais Pierpoint. Hopes he has not offended. Complains of the companions with whom he is compelled to associate. Hertford, 10th Nov., 1583.

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17. VI. Francis Beaumont to his brother, Jervais Pierpoint. His sister, the writer's very good wife, sends him a letter and two fallow deer pies. Gracedieu, 19th Dec., 1583.

17. VII. Acknowledgment by Samuel Lone to owe the sum of three pounds to Jervais Pierpoint.

Jan. 12. Arundel House. 18. Philip Earl of Arundell to the Council. Has examined his own heart and conscience, and cannot find that in word, intent, or action he has wittingly given the least suspicion of undutifulness to Her Majesty. Requests that as they had found him innocent both on his own examination and the evidence of others, the restriction confining him to his house may be revoked, and that he may be restored again to Her Majesty's favor.

Jan. 12. Huntingdon. 19. Sir Henry Darcy and others, Commissioners of Musters for the county of Huntingdon, to Lord Burghley. They find some contrariety between the Council's letter and the schedule inclosed in it, as the number required seems increased rather than diminished.

Jan. 12. Wells. 20. Commissioners for Musters in Somerset to the Council. Acknowledge their lordships' letters of the 8th of January for the putting in readiness of men and armour for the defence of the sea-coast.

Jan. 13. Haseley. 21. Job Throkmorton to Mr. Ralph Warcuppe. Has apprehended Wm. Skynner and searched his house, and examined witnesses, who were in great fear of the threats of the Papists. The evidence against Skynner is already sufficient to bring him within the compass of the statute; viz. "The defence of the Queen of Scott's title of "succession, that she should be heir apparent," &c." Gives the names of certain Papists he suggests should be examined, but not upon oath, as they have full dispensation for that. Proposes an interrogatory to examine Skynner upon. *Incloses,*

21. I. *Examination before Job. Throkmorton and Robert Burgoyn, of Christopher Kircklande, minister at Rowington, as to one Birde, or Baker, a priest, harboured by Mr. Skynner.*

21. II. *Examination of Roger Richardson, summoner of Warwick.*

21. III. *Examination of Thomas Slye, of Bushwood.*

21. IV. *Examination of Henry Huddesforde, of Solihull, John Cowper, of Rowington, and William Sawnders: all suspected to be Papists, friends and confederates of Mr. Skynner.*

21. V. *Examination of John Ferfax, parish clerk of Rowington.*

21. VI. *Examination of John Cornwall, and Thurstian Tubs, of Rowington*

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Jan. 14. Newark. 22. Commissioners for Musters in the county of Lincoln to the Council. At their meeting about the musters, they found that the beacons throughout the shire had fallen into great decay.

Jan. 14. 23. Same for the county of Southampton to same. Desire a longer time for the completion of their certificate.

Jan. 14. Westminster. 24. "Orders set downe and allowed by the Lordes of Her "Majesties Privie Council, and appoynted to be put in print for "Her Majesties service; concerning the Postes of the Realme in "general, presently or hereafter to be apointed." [*Imprinted at London by Christopher Barker, printer to the Queen's most excellent Majesty. With a portrait of the Queen in the initial letter.*]

Jan. 15. Bokellye in Cornwall. Wm. Carnsewe to Tho. Smythe. Thanks for his kind entertainment and money. On his return from London he received Mr. Weston's letters, and has answered them. Ulrick [Frose] is not so forward with the mining works as he expected. The English workmen are as skilful in mining as any in Europe. Proposes a competition with the German labourers in the works at Treworthye. Necessaries to be provided for the works. [*See Nov. 22, 1583.*]

Jan. 16. 25. The Muster Book of the Town of Lowestofte, within the half-hundred of Lothingland, in Rantes and Berries precincts.

Jan. 16. 26. The Book of the Musters taken for the half-hundred of Lothingland in the county of Suffolk, containing the names of all the able men between the ages of 16 and 60.

Jan. 16. 27. Examination of John Norton touching the cause of his departure beyond the seas, and his dealings with the Papists. Thomas Norton, his brother, is at Rome; Richard Norton, another brother, at Genoa. His great uncle, Tho. Norton, the rebel, was yet alive in Spain with the Earl of Westmoreland. Details of the life and occupations of John Norton.

Jan. 16. Gloucester. 28. John Weble, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Gloucester, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. They have apprehended and examined John Minors of London, brother-in law of Tho. Alfield, the seminary priest. *Inclosing,*

28. I. *Examination of John Mynors, of Aldersgate Street, London, before the Mayor and Aldermen of Gloucester, as to his knowledge of Thomas Alfield, who had lived in the house of Thomas Pauncefoot near Gloucester.*

Jan. 16. London. 29. The Council to certain Gentlemen and other Officers of Her Majesty, to see the warrant executed for the apprehension of William Arnewoode, Richard Elliott and other pirates.

Jan. 16. Norwich. 30. Thomas Gleane, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Norwich to the Council. Apprehension and examination of certain persons accused

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of having attended mass within the county of Norfolk and the city of Norwich, and that some of them had been shriven and received hallowed beads.

Jan. 16. 31. Memorandum that Mr. Ruckwood, of Ewston, pays to Barloe, *alias* Chester the priest, the sum of 30*l.* a year, the gift of Lady Stile.

Jan. 17. 32. Estimate of the charge of the Scowte for the transporting of the Spanish Ambassador from Dover to Calais.

Jan. 18. Rochester. 33. George Maplesden, Mayor of Rochester, and others, to Lord Burghley, desiring a separate commission for the musters in the city of Rochester, according to their ancient liberties.

Jan. 20. [Dungeon?] 34. Sir James Hales to Walsyngham. Sends a new and corrected account, as that made before Christmas had some faults and omissions. Desires that Commissioners may be appointed to audit the Expenditor's accounts for Dover Haven. A supply of money required.

Jan. 20. Bridgnorth. 35. Sir G. Bromley and Mr. Townesend to the Council. Having received from Sir John Littleton two letters from Ambrose Cowper to Mrs. Eliz. Throckmerton and William Bell, they had examined her and one Edward Vaughan, but could discover nothing to object against them. Mr. Cowper dwells out of the liberties of their commission. *Inclosing,*

35. I. *Ambrose Cowper to Mrs. Eliz. Throckmerton. Glass remaining at Bridgenorth belonging to his master. Colshill, 7th December,* 1583.

35. II. *Ambrose Cowper to William Bell. Intends to go to London. Mr. Arden, Somerville, and others, indicted for treason. December* 7, 1583.

35. III. *Lady Margaret Throckmorton to her servant Edward Vaughan, touching the sale of wood, &c. Nov.* 29.

35. IV. *Same to same. That she could not supply him with money, her son being kept close prisoner in the Tower. He must sell some of the things to supply himself with money. London, Nov.* 24, 1583.

Jan. 22. London. 36. "Articles set downe by the right worshipfull Thomas Ran- "dolph, Esquier, Maister and Comptroller General of al Hir "Majesties Postes, and straightly by him commaunded to be kept "by the Postes from London to the Northerne Borders against "Scotland."

Jan. 22. Stoke 37. Mrs. Grysseld Waldegrave to Lord Paget, her brother, at Paris. Was very sorry to hear of his departure, fearing the displeasure it would give. Will pray for him, as the bonds of nature and his kindness commands her thereunto. She intends to go to London and spend some time there this winter.

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Jan. 22. Perin Sands. 38. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Feels grieved that he is not put in sufficient trust and credit by his master. His anxieties to give satisfaction. Cannot yet learn of any good lead mines. Bernard and he will call at his house and report progress.

Jan. 23. Westminster. 39. Grant by the Queen to John Case of the rectory and capital messuage of Watford, Northampton, for the term of twenty-one years.

Jan. 23. 40. "A Kalendar of the names of all suche persons as were in-" dicted, arraigned, condemned, and adjudged at Manchester for " disobedience to Her Majesty, as well Recusants as others," priests, knights, gentlemen, and women: some of the latter be very obstinate and have done great harm.

Jan. 23? 41. The names of the Recusants which are now committed to Her Majesty's gaol in Salford, containing many names included in the above Kalendar.

Jan. 23. 42. Information touching the unjust dealing of the Sheriff of Lancashire towards Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, a recusant, widow of George Allen, who died possessed of a farm called Rossall, and a lease of the Manor of Norbrecke.

Jan. 24. 43. Lord Cobham and Tho. Randolph to Walsyngham. That they had consulted and agreed upon orders for regulation of the postes and hackneymen in the county of Kent, to which they desire his signature, before publication.

Jan. 24. Cambridge. 44. Lord North and others, Commissioners of Musters in the county of Cambridge, to the Council. Have viewed all the able men, armour, &c. within the shire; howbeit, the armour they have is very unserviceable and insufficient. The 800 men shall be thoroughly furnished, which is a great burthen for that small shire. *Inclosing,*

44. I. *Muster roll of the able and furnished men within the county of Cambridge.*

Jan. 25. 45. Allegations by Mr. Connesbye, touching the controversy between him and Mr. Wigmore, which first began about the Recordership of Leominster, which the corporation of their own free will bestowed on Mr. Connesbye.

Jan. 26. 46. Further allegations offered by Mr. Connesbye against Mr. Wigmore.

Jan. 26. 47. An Inventory of the Books and other Popish relics found in the house of Mistress Hampden of Stoke in the county of Buckingham, and carried away from thence by Mr. Paul Wentworth.

Jan. 26. 48. Memoranda by Sir F. Walsyngham to be propounded to the Council on the state of the works at Dover Haven.

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Jan. 28. Lincoln. 49. Edw. Earl of Rutland and others, Commissioners of Musters for the county of Lincoln, to the Council. Certify their proceedings in the musters. Decay of armour. Order taken to supply the defects. Desire the 200 pikes and burgonnetts required may be remitted.

Jan. 28. Clopcott. 50. Michael Molyns and Roger Younge to Sir Francis Knolles, Treasurer of the Household. Had viewed the men and armour in their division, but forbear to send the certificate till the meeting of the other Commissioners.

Jan. 29. Drayton. 51. Lady Anne Lee to her brother Charles Paget. Thanks for his letter. Regrets the loss of friends. Her brother (Paget), himself, and Mr. Arundel are called home by proclamation. Warns him to beware of spies. His coming over into England has caused the Earl of Northumberland great trouble, but however he has some liberty. Mr. Arundell's little servant, Robin, has been placed with Mr. Roger Manners.

Jan. 30. 52. Certificate of the Right Hon. Lord John Russell and Sir Henry Nevell, Commissioners for the mustering, selecting, and furnishing 2,000 footmen within the county of Berks.

Jan. 30. Carisbrooke Castle. 53. Sir Geo. Carey to Walsyngham. Report by Jacob Whiddon of great preparation in the fitting out of a large fleet at Lisbon, and the collecting of large ships in other parts of Spain and Portugal for the making of the hugest army by sea that ever was set forth by Spain. To be commanded by the King in person, to accomplish some acceptable service to God by the subversion of religion in England. Defenceless state of the Isle of Wight.

Jan. 30. 54. William Paget to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, His project for supplying Barbary with marble out of Ireland; which Mr. Alderman Starky has communicated to the Earl of Leicester. Advises Walsyngham to be a partner in the design.

Jan. ? 55. Information against Thos. Copley, Esq., in Flanders. That he was a great conveyer of letters and a favourer of the Papists. His speeches touching Her Majesty and the King of Spain. Ships and ordnance bought in England for the service of Spain. A conjunction of the Kings of France and Spain would cause a great change in England.

Jan. ? 56. Brief notes of a project for the making of brimstone out of certain stones found on the coasts of the Isle of Sheppey, Whitstable, and parts adjacent.

Jan. ? 57. Information of persons resorting to the house of the French Ambassador. Scory, the bishop's son, hath secret and long conference with him, and saith that if his father were dead he would no longer tarry.

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Jan. ? 58. Secret advertisements sent by Henry Fagot. That Mr. Morice, servant to Mr. Comptroller, reported all the proceedings of the Court and his master's secrets to the French Ambassador, from whom he received money. To beware of Mr. Duglas.

Jan. ? 59. Extracts of the chief points contained in the examinations of sundry persons committed for religion and other causes: being the the examinations of Jervais Pierpoint, Geo. Britten, Robert Barrett, John Neve, Edw. Arden, Mary Arden, Arthur Shaftoe, William Wickliffe, Humphrey Field, Hugh Remington, Barnard and Elizabeth Johnson, John Finch, Humfrey Cartwright, Thomas Suche, Anthony Higgens, Roger Dickinson, John Robinson, Thomas Clymsall about Lord Pagett and Ch. Arundell, Humfrey King, Geo. Jackson, Margery Throckmerton, William Ward, Nicholas Wolf, Mary Wolf, Peter Snell, William Bell, Chr. Haynes, John Ramsden, Simon Smithe, James Kirshayes, Tho. Pellet, Anthony Crumpton, Dewe prisoner in the Clink, John Taulke, Thomas Banckes, and John Jenner.

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Feb. 1. 1. Suggestions addressed to Lord Burghley (?) for the better keeping of the Recusants in Wisbeach Castle, that the numbers be limited to 20, to be committed to Thos. Gray, and that two out of four persons, viz., Launcelot Andrewes of Pembroke Hall (Camb.), Lawrence Dewse of St. John's College, Bartholomew Dod of Jesus College, and William Flud, may be appointed to preach, confer, and dispute with them.

Feb. 3. The Court. 2. Daniel Rogers to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for his favors. The Bishop of London asserts that he had paid the 200*l.* for his ransom to one of Walsyngham's officers. Desires him to solicit Her Majesty in his favor for the grant of a Prebend of Windsor. [*Not signed by Rogers, but the whole in his handwriting.*]

Feb. 3. 3. "A memoryall of dyvers thynges necessary to be thought of "and to be put in execution for this sommer, for ye strength of ye "realme to serve for martiall defence ageynst ether rebellion or "invasion." Practical suggestions for the complete and efficient taking of musters, and training the people to the use of arms; defence of the landing places; the Queen's navy to be put in readiness and the great ships of the realm to be stayed from their voyages. The naval force to be divided into three squadrons. A Parliament to be held about April. [*Drawn up by Lord Burghley, and the whole in his handwriting.*]

Feb. 3. 4. Fair copy of the above, with the date indorsed by Burghley

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Feb. 3. London. 5. Guerault de Lacussaigne to his wife, at Paris. Touching the death of their daughter, and other private matters. French. [*Intercepted.*]

Feb. 5. 6. Note of misdemeanours exhibited in the bill of complaint in the Court of Star Chamber by Alice Longe against Michell Cuffe, William Longe, and others, defendants, relative to the search in the house called Asheley, in the county of Wilts, where divers popish books, beads, holy candles, &c., were found. Tho. Longe is an earnest and disorderly papist, and harbourer of Papists.

Feb. 8. Morgan. 7. Sir Edward Mansell to the Council. Answers to the Earl of Pembroke's complaint against him as to certain goods cast up in a wreck at sea, upon the banks of the Avan, in the county of Glamorgan. Asserts his right to the wreck being on his property, in the Manor of Havodporth. Infamous conduct of George Williams, Lord Pembroke's servant. *Incloses,*

7. I. *A true inventory of all such goods as were cast to land on both sides the river Avan, on the grange of Lanvigelith parcel of the lordship of Havodporth, on the night of the 28th of December last,* 1583, *which came to the hands of Edward Mansell, Knight.*

Feb. 8. 8. John Jernegan to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Particulars of his interview with the Spanish Ambassador, discovering the malicious design of Spain against Her Majesty. Offers to be the medium of further intelligence, and solicits his mediation to obtain Her Majesty's clemency and protection.

Feb. 9. 9. Privy seal for the issue of 425*l.* per month, for certain works to be with all speed taken in hand at the town of Portsmouth.

Feb. 10. 10. Memoranda, in Lord Burghley's hand, of money to be expended for the repair of the forts and garrisons. Money to be paid to the captains for training soldiers in certain shires. Estimated cost of setting forth an army by sea.

Feb. 10. 11. Interrogatories for the examination of Mrs. Arden, as to a conveyance supposed to have been made between Mr. Neville and her late husband.

Feb. 10. 12. Depositions of Mrs. Arden, signed M.A., touching conveyances supposed to have passed between Mr. Neville and Edward Arden her husband.

Feb. 10. 13. Thomas Smythe to Wm. Carnsewe. Thanks for his gentle letter, and for his offer for furtherance of the mineral works. The company have resolved to go forward with the lead mines. Has written to Mr. Weston to send wood for timbering the mines at Perin Sands Hans Hering to be discharged. Terms of partnership with Mr. Carnsewe and Mr. Edgecombe.

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Feb. 12. 14. Notes to be propounded to the Lords in Commission for the examining of such prisoners as are committed to the Tower. The Earl of Northumberland, William Shelley, Lord Henry Howard, George More, and others, committed on suspicion of treason: with resolutions thereon. Shelley and Pierpoint to be put to the rack.

Feb. 14. Serjeant's Inn. 15. The Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (Anderson), and Mr. Justice Meade, to the Mayor, &c. of Newcastle. Give their opinion on the controversy between them and the Trinity-men of Newcastle, which they think should be settled by a trial at law; the Trinity-men in the meantime to exercise the right of pilotage.

Feb. 12 & 14. 16. Certificate by the Earl of Derby and the Bishop of Chester of the names of the persons against whom they have proceeded in the general search in the county of Lancaster, on the 17th of January last; distinguishing those who have conformed, the persons committed, and those who are bound over to appear.

Feb. 15. London. 17. Edward Osborne, Lord Mayor of London, to Walsyngham. Thanks for preserving the rights of the City. Their petitions were not out of any disaffection to Her Majesty's service, but only for the vindicating of their ancient liberties. *Incloses,*

17. I. *A paper to prove that the division of Southwark was included in the musters for the city of London in the time of Henry VIII. and Queen Mary. Effect of the patent of Edw VI. granting to the city of London all the town and borough of Southwark.*

17. II. *Evidences to prove that Southwark belonged to the jurisdiction of the Mayors of London, except in the case of musters only. Signed by the Commissioners of Musters for the county of Surrey.*

Feb. 15. Tower. 18. Sir Owyn Hopton to same. Request of Mr. Fytton, that his wife and a physician may be permitted to attend on him, being afflicted with the stone. Fytton is willing to make his submission and acknowledge his obedience towards Her Majesty.

Feb. 16. 19. Note of certain books, remaining in two chests, belonging to the ports of London, Sandwich, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Chichester, and Southampton from the 13th to the 22nd Eliz., probably relating to the Customs.

Feb. 20. Great St. Bartholomew. 20. Sir Roger Manwood, Lord Chief Baron, to Walsyngham. His opinion touching Her Majesty's right to appoint stewards to keep the Courts of certain Hundreds in the Duchy of Cornwall. *Incloses,*

20. I. *Question as to the nomination of stewards for the Courts of divers Hundreds in the Duchy of Cornwall.*

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Feb. 20? 21. "Secret advertisements touching the Lieutenant's daughter," she (Cicely Hopton) being far in love with Stonard, and by her means letters and credit of importance passed between the prisoners of the Tower and the Marshalsea. Much could be learnt from her examination, of the plans of Throckmarton and Pierpoint.

Feb. 20. 22. Examination of Mrs. Jane Meaghe taken by Francis Mylles at the commandment of Mr. Secretary. Her acquaintance with Mr. Stonard and Jervais Pierpoint. Visited the latter in the Marshalsea in company with Mrs. Cicely Hopton. Has visited Sir Owyn and Lady Hopton in the Tower.

Feb. 22. London. 23. W. Parry to Charles Paget, at Paris. Has received his friendly letters. The Earl of Northumberland's trouble is laid to Lord Paget and him, and the like is said by Lord Arundell's friends. The Queen (notwithstanding proclamation), is not hasty to give away Paget's livings, but misliketh that some have been too forward in asking. Cautions him to be careful in writing letters. Advises Charles Arundell not to write to his nephew Thomas. Mr. Bird is at liberty. Burn the letter.

Feb. 22. 24. William Mathew and Tho. Lewys to the Council. Proceedings in the examinations touching the controversy between Sir Edward Mansell and the Earl of Pembroke respecting the wreck cast up on the banks of the Avan in the county of Glamorgan.

Feb. 24. Tunstall. 25. William Crowmer to his nephew Tho. Randolph, Master of the Posts. Ralph Beetham, M.A., an obstinate papist, is now persuaded to change his religion, and has given up many writings disclosing the traitorous deeds of many Papists. *Incloses,*

Papers given up by Ralph Beetham relative to the proceedings of the Papists; viz.,—

25. I. *Wm. Coole to Walsingham. His residence among the Papists at Rheims, and subsequent departure for Flanders. Offers to give information of the dealings of the Papists.*

25. II. *Declaration by Ralph Betham, Minister of the Word, and Curate of Shepperton in Middlesex, of his knowledge and probable suspicion of certain Papists. Many names mentioned, most of them graduates of Oxford, gone over to Rome.*

Feb. 26. 26. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Huntingdon to the Council. Their proceedings in the musters. Desire that the numbers may be abated, the county being so small; and that they may furnish 20 corselets in lieu of 100 bows, for want of strength in the men and inability of using them. *Inclosing,*

26. I. *A certificate of the view taken of the men, armour, and furniture appointed to be kept in readiness in the county of Huntingdon.*

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Feb. 26. 27. James Hyll to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Excuses himself for troubling him with a petition. Desires his authority for the discharge of his study in the country. Is not desirous to hold any book Walsyngham may dislike.

Feb. 28. The Court. 28. Mr. Robert Cecil to same. Requests that Mr. Townley, a recusant confined in the New Fleet at Lancaster, may be removed to some prison in London for recovery of his health.

Feb. 29. Secret advertisements of priests and Papists in England. The writer has the names of 21 noblemen that are Papists. There are 500 seminary priests in England. Must go into France to Dr. Allen, President at Rheims, and to Father Parsons, Principal of the Jesuits, by whom he shall be appointed their agent and know their chief secrets. Hopes to do wonderful great service.

Feb. ? 30. Secret advertisements, from the said party at Exeter, of the doings of the Papists. The informant is going to Rheims to Dr. Allen. The Pope gives the sum of 52,000*l.*, and the King of Spain as much more, to maintain Papists and seminaries, and the meritorious benefactors in England give great sums. Somerfield was hanged in prison to avoid a greater evil. Many Jesuits in Scotland, and spread of popery there and in England.

Feb. ? 31. P. H. to Walsyngham? Secret advertisements. List of Papists, the nobility and gentry contributors for the relief of all such prisoners as be of their sect. Report of ships sent to Turkey laden with psalters and testaments. Relief sent to Popish priests in prison by the old Lady Paget. Book of "The Resolution" lately landed and distributed among Protestants.

Feb. 32. Memorial of the son of Sir Edward Mansell to the Council, desiring that he may put in bond for the value of the goods saved from the wreck, claimed by the Earl of Pembroke, and now sought to be sequestered by Sir Philip Sidney.

Feb. ? 33. An abstract of the notes delivered by Lord Hunsdon concerning seminaries and Recusants. Names of certain persons noted in sundry counties to be receivers and entertainers of Jesuits and seminaries. Names of the priests remaining at liberty in England.

Feb. ? 34. Similar intelligence of seminary priests, with their receivers and entertainers in various counties, by Thomas Dodwell.

Feb. ? 35. Interrogatories administered to Tho. Dodwell relative to seminary priests, and his connexion with them, before and after his being at Rheims. Priests going over from Oxford, and those appointed by Dr. Allen to come into England. Note of things to be specially considered. Afeild, *alias* Badger, Sommerfield, *alias* Holland, Woodfen, Askewe, *alias* Nutter, and other priests to be apprehended.

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Feb. 36. The names of certain searchers in Kent who have been detected in embezzling the Queen's Customs.

Feb. 37. Notes for the better regulation of the Customs.

Feb. 38. Account of the Customs received in certain ports from Ipswich northward, the value of which has been doubled.

Feb.? 39. Notes for the Customs; names of the overseers in several ports.

Feb.? 40. Overtures made by the Customers of the Ports for the farming of the customs of Yarmouth, Lynn, and Boston.

Feb.? 41. Certificate of the forces within the Seven Hundreds of Cookham and Bray, one of the five divisions of the county of Berks, under the charge and leading of Sir Henry Nevell.

Feb. 42. Similar certificate for the Hundreds of Reading and Theale, in the same county, under the leading of Humfry Forster, Esq.

Feb.? 43. Similar certificate for the Hundreds of Moreton, Ocke, and Hormer, under the leading of Christopher Litcott, Esq.

Feb.? 44. Similar certificate for the Hundreds of Faircross, Kintbury-Eagle, and Compton, under the leading of Thomas Parry, Esq.

Feb.? 45. Muster roll of the names of the selected soldiers furnished with several weapons, in the above hundreds, under the leading of Tho. Parry.

Feb.? 46. Petition of Richard Forster, Tho. Bellot, and Michael Jobson, Customers of the great Customs, to Lord Burghley: touching their right to deal with the customs of tin and lead. Opinion of Mr. Fanshaw. Abuses by which Her Majesty is defrauded of her customs, and of which they desire redress.

Feb.? 47. Estimate of money due, at days to come, toward the repairs at Dover Harbour.

Feb.? 48. Note of the most ready means to execute Her Majesty's commission for the mustering of horses and training of horse and horsemen.

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March 1. 1. Certain notes very requisite to be presently put in order for the better expedition of the works at Dover Haven; by Peter Pett.

March 1. 2. Account, by the same, of the provision of timber already felled for the works at Dover Haven.

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March 3. 3. Advertisements from the Searcher of Dover. Orders given for all the English to quit Artois, All English merchants had been warned to quit St. Omers. Siege of Iper; great distress there, they have eaten all their horse flesh, and now fall to their dogs and cats. Troubles likely to arise between England and Spain, and all through the Scots.

March 3. Blandford. 4. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Dorset to the Council. General view of all the able men, armour, and weapons, in the county. The deficiencies will be supplied before the end of April. Desire that the number of corslets may be abated; upwards of sixty assessed by the late Lord Thomas Howard, being unable to buy the same. *Inclosing,*

4. I. *Certificate of the able men furnished, with the several sorts of armour, in the county of Dorset.*

March 4. Exeter. 5. Same for the county of Devon to same. Certify their proceedings in the musters, and furniture of the 5,000 men required; and had taken order for the supply of all deficiencies. Have not named any gentlemen for leaders and captains, but refer their nomination to the Council.

March 4. Winchester. 6. John White, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Winchester, to the same. Pray that they may have a special commission directed to them for the mustering of their city, independent of the county. They are willing to furnish whatever number might be thought convenient for their city, but desire to preserve their ancient liberties.

March 4. Winchester. 7. Same to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Request him to assist them in obtaining a separate commission for the musters of their city.

March 4. 8. Alexander Nowell, Dean of St. Paul's, to same. Requests his brother, John Townley, Esq., may be removed to some other prison, where more care may be taken of his health.

March 5. Dover. 9. The Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Inform him that Mr. Allyn refuses to deliver to them the Council's letter touching the revenues of St. Peter's church. Desire that Mr. Andrews may have no allowance for his attendance at Court. *Inclosing,*

9. I. *Copy of the letter sent from Lord Cobham to Mr. Richard Barrey, lieutenant of Dover Castle, Tho. Allyn, mayor, and Tho. Andrewe, bailiff, as to the appropriation of money, received from the sale of lands belonging to St. Peter's church. Cobham, Sept. 22, 1570.*

March 5. 10. Commission by the Queen to Lord Burghley Lord High Treasurer, Edward Earl of Lincoln Lord High Admiral, George Earl of Shrewsbury Earl Marshal, Henry Earl of Huntingdon Lord President of the Council in the North, Ambrose Earl of Warwick Master of the Ordnance, Francis Earl of Bedford, Robert Earl of Leicester Master of the Horse, Charles Lord Howard Lord

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Chamberlain, Henry Lord Hunsdon Lord Warden of the East Marches, Sir Henry Sydney Lord President of Wales, and Sir Christopher Hatton Vice-Chamberlain, appointing them Commissioners for putting in execution the statute for the increase and breed of horses, and for keeping horses or geldings for service.

March 5. 11. Instructions and orders given by the Lords of the Council, having special commission from Her Majesty under the Great Seal, dated the 5th day of March in the 26th year Her Majesty's reign, to their deputy Commissioners in certain shires, for the execution of the laws and statutes of the realm, made for keeping horses and geldings, and for horses and mares for increase and breed.

March 6. Scott's Hall. 12. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. In behalf of certain ministers and neighbours that tender the preaching of God's word, who desire time before they subscribe to the Archbishop of Canterbury's articles. Satisfactory state of the works at Dover Haven.

March 6. Goh. 13. Sir Philip Sidnei to same. In favour of the bearer Captain Lady Cheek condemns him for being negligent in soliciting; but the fault must lie between the Queen and Walsyngham.

March 7. 14. Petition of Francis Shaxton, merchant of King's Lynn in Norfolk, to the Council. That the Earl of Pembroke had readily restored to him all the goods preserved from the wreck of his ship at Havodporth in Glamorgan, but that Sir Edward Mansell had refused to deliver up the principal part of the goods, until the suit between him and the Earl of Pembroke was settled.

March 7. Sarum. 15. Earl of Pembroke to the Council. Has done as much as possible in restoring the wreck of Francis Shaxton's ship and goods, but Sir Edward Mansell had the greater part, which he refuses to deliver up. Recommends that the goods be sequestered till the suit be determined.

March 7. Fenchurch Street. 16. Tho. Smythe to Wm. Carnsewe. Has received his letters of February 24. Remonstrates against the high wages paid to the Dutch miners, when Cornish men may serve so well at less charges. The great expenses of the undertaking now fall upon himself, as the partners will not advance any more money. Ulrick is to go on with the works at Perin Sands. The ore produced by him yields but 2 oz. of silver in the cwt., which would not pay.

March 8. Deptford. 17. Peter Pett to Lord Cobham. Progress of felling timber in Sussex for the works at Dover; the price per load awarded for the timber felled on Mr. Shelley's lands is too high. Carriage of timber in Essex.

March 10. Ipswich. 18. The Bailiffs and others of Ipswich to the Council. Muster and view of the number of men appointed to be furnished by their town, who are able, and well supplied with arms and ammunition. They had no men fit to be chosen for captains, but only Richard Wyngfeld and Symon Toppesfield.

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March 13. 19. Confession of Richard Lacy of Brodishe in Norfolk, taken before Sir Wm. Heydon and William Blenerhaiset, touching his knowledge of the Papists. Information of Moundford Scott, Mr. Vaughan, and other priests. Bryan Lacey in the service of Sir John Arundell. Sayings of John Dover and Robert Hartley, that if Sir William Heydon and Mr. John Stubbes could get hold of Bryan Lacey, they would rack him, even till the nails should start from his fingers. Names of aiders and maintainers of Popish priests.

March 15. 20. Petition of the Jurats and Inhabitants of New Romney to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden. Desiring him to call the Mayor and certain of the Jurats before him to answer for contempt of the Council's order. Ill proceedings of the Mayor and some of the Jurats.

March 15. 21. The Council to the Mayor and Jurats of Dover. Directions to order Mr. Thomas Allyn, to render an account of the revenues of St. Peter's church, which had been granted to the town, to defray the repair of Dover Haven. The expenses of Thomas Andrews, late mayor, not to be allowed.

March 18. 22. Commissioners of Musters for Hampshire to Walsyngham. Desire him to be a mean to the Council to disburden their shire, (although large yet barren and poor) for the supply of armour and weapon amounting to the sum of 380*l.*, which without difficulty they could not perform.

March 21. 23. Certificate of the Recusants committed to the Clink since the return of the last certificate dated in October last; viz., John Pounde, a priest, and Jasper Haywoode, a jesuit.

March 21. 24. Certificate of the Recusants committed to the Gatehouse since October last.

March 21. King's Bench. 25. John Catysby to the Council. Certifies that no Recusants had been committed to the prison of the King's Bench, since the last certificate of October the 23d.

March 22. 26. A note of the Recusants remaining in the Marshalsea, with the dates of their commitment; temporal gentlemen, other temporal men, and seminary priests.

March 22. 27. The names of the Jesuits and Seminary Priests, and others, who are lately fled out of the county of Lancaster since the last search there; and of the places where they are now supposed to be.

March 22. Newcastle. 28. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of Newcastle to the Lord Chief Justice. State their objections to the privileges claimed by the Company of the Mariners of the Trinity House of Newcastle, as to their right of pilotage on the river Tyne.

March 23. Stondon. 29. Sir Ralph Sadlier, and others, Commissioners for Musters in the county of Hertford, to the Council. Certify their proceedings in the musters. They hope by their persuasions, the full comple-

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ment of armour and weapon assigned to their county would soon be supplied, to counteract the daily and monstrous practices of the English Papists. *Inclosing,*

29. 1. *Certificate of the* 2,000 *men levied and furnished within the county of Hertford, in the several divisions of the same.*

March 23. 30. Certificate of the prisoners remaining in the common gaol of the county of Surrey, the White Lion, *pro causis Ecclesiasticis.*

March 23. Canterbury. 31. Sir James Hales to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Requests him to remit the money remaining in his hands for the works at Dover Haven. Informs Walsyngham of the true character of Dr Langworth, who had been spoken of as likely to succeed the good Dean of Canterbury that now is. That he was a notable hypocrite, given to many lewd qualities, as swearing and filthy talk, and suspected of incontinency. [*In September,* 1584, *Dean Godwin was made Bishop of Bath and Wells, and on the 6th of that month Richard Rogers, Suffragan of Dover, was instituted in the Deanery of Canterbury.*]

March 24. 32. Report of Alan Kinge, Deputy Captain, on the stores and munition remaining at Tynemouth Castle; and an estimate of the repairs necessary to be done there.

March 24. 33. Articles exhibited before Her Majesty's Justices of Assize at Dorchester, by the Commissioners for matters of piracy, against the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Burgesses of Poole. With the answers of John Rogers, the Mayor, and others, thereunto.

March 24. 34. The Earl of Northumberland's declaration, touching his proceedings with Mr. Perpoint in the marriage proposed between his son and Mr. Perpoint's daughter, at the instigation of Mr. Charles Arundell.

March 25. 35. A brief note concerning the effect of Her Majesty's grant passed unto her servant, Walter Raleigh, Esq., for the discovery of all such remote heathen and barbarous countries as are not actually possessed by any Christian Princes or people.

March 25. 36. Heads of the letters patents granted to Walter Raleigh, Esq., for the discovery of unknown parts. With an additional note, that since the passing of the grant the said Raleigh had discovered a land called Wingandocoia, from whence some of the people are brought into this realm.

March 25. Westminster. 37. Copy, in full, of the above letters patents to Walter Raleigh, Esq.

March 26. Blackfriars. 38. Lord Cobham to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Requests a crane may be erected for the landing of timber and other materials at Dover Haven, and that two old hoys might be sold.

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March 27. 39. Sir Tho. Scott and Richard Barry to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Proceedings in the election of John Cheesman, mayor of New Romney. Have examined witnesses on the complaint of Wm. Southland and others against Thomas Eppes, the late mayor. *Inclosing,*

39. I. *Note of the points of the Council's Order in the causes of New Romney, performed and entered of record.*

39. II. *Objections against John Fowle, in disobeying the Order of Council in the causes of New Romney; signed by Wm. Southland and John Mynge.*

39. III. *Duplicate of the preceding.*

39. IV. *Special points in the Order of Council for quieting the controversy between the Mayor and Jurats of New Romney, which have not been observed. Tho. Eppes, the mayor, and others, sent for.*

39. V. *A breviat of the depositions against Thomas Eppes, the Mayor of New Romney, and Mr. Fowle*

March 27. New Romney. 40. Same to the Council. A duplicate of their letter to Walsyngham. *Inclosing,*

40. I. *A note of the points of the Council's Order in the causes of New Romney, performed and entered of record.*

40. II. *Special points in the Council's Order for settling the causes of New Romney; which have not been observed.*

40. III. *Interrogatories ministered on the part and behalf of Wm. Southland and others, the inhabitants of Romney, against Thomas Eppes, the mayor.*

40. IV. *Deposition of witnesses taken before Sir Thomas Scott and Richard Barrey, against Thomas Eppes, late mayor of New Romney.*

40. V. *Examinations of witnesses taken at the town and port of New Romney before the same, on the part and behalf of Tho. Eppes, late mayor.*

40. VI. *Answers of Thomas Allen and others to the interrogatories on the part of William Southland, against Eppes, the mayor.*

40. VII. *The answer of the Mayor of New Romney in Kent to the bill of complaint of William Southland and others. Ill conduct of John Mynge, the town clerk, and of Thomas Heele, another of the complainants "who did most "undecently and unreverently behave himself in the "church." Signed by Thomas Eppes, the mayor.*

40. VIII. *Objections against John Fowle for disobeying the Council's Order in the causes of New Romney.*

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40. IX. *Answer of John Fowle to the articles objected against him.*

40. X. *Interrogatories to be ministered to the witnesses to be produced against Mr. Fowle, jurat of Romney.*

40. XI. *Depositions of the witnesses against Mr. John Fowle, jurat of Romney.*

40. XII. *Order set down by Sir Tho. Scott and Richard Barrey, upon hearing the matters alleged by Wm. Southland, John Mynge, and others, against Thomas Eppes, the mayor, for the final settlement of all controversies in the town of New Romney, and future regulation of the corporation.*

March 28. Charde. 41. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Somerset to the Council. Have viewed all the able men and armour, with the weapons and furniture to the same belonging, through the whole county, and have put in readiness the 3,000 men required by their Lordships. *Inclosing,*

41. I. *Certificate of the* 3,000 *men within the county of Somerset appointed for defence of the sea coast, sorted with armour and weapons; with the names of the captains and other officers commanding them.*

March 30. 42. Articles set down by Sir Fr. Walsyngham for the examination of Tho. Aufelde and Tho. Roe; touching their knowledge of the intentions of the Duke of Guise. Assistance to be rendered by the Duke of Guise to the Papists in England, with the aid of the Pope and the King of Spain. Practice for the delivery of the Queen of Scots. Their knowledge of Creyton and Holt, the Jesuits.

March. 43. The answer of Philip Earl of Arundell and the Lord William Howard, his brother, to the bill of complaint exhibited by Francis Dacre, Esq. They deny that any threats had been used by them to terrify the tenants, or that any damages had been committed. Desire that they may enjoy the benefit of the Council's late order in the cause between them and the plaintiff. Descent and intermarriages of the Dacre family.

March. 44. Inventory of Custom books in certain bags for the ports of Chichester and Sandwich, and the port of London, 1568–1582.

March. 45. "A memoryall of thynges to be answered:" *in Lord Burghley's hand, and apparently as an historical exercise for some youth or ward. Some of the questions are curious, as*—"In what parish in "London the great thigh bone is? What kings, beside England, "wear close crowns."

46. A collection out of the Records of the Chancery, relative to the lewd dealings of William Fulwoode, his usurious dealings, factious arrests of various persons, &c.; his attempt to murder Thomas Walbut. Thought to have been the death of Henry Franckland.

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March ? 47. Reasons to induce Her Majesty to renew the lease of fines for alienations: rate of increase for eight years past.

March ? 48. A brief declaration of the profits arising to Her Majesty by farming of the licences, pardons of alienations and recoveries.

March ? 49. Note concerning the benefit Her Majesty hath reaped during the last eight years, by reason of "my Lords" lease of the writs of covenant.

March ? 50. Note concerning the benefit Her Majesty hath reaped by reason of "his Lordship's" lease of fines for alienations.

March ? 51. An account showing the number of licences and pardons of alienations which have passed the seal in Chancery, both before and after the lease of the same to "my Lord."

March ? 52. The note of such works as are presently to be done this summer for Dover Haven.

March ? 53. Device proposed for the occupying of a naval station in the Straits of Magellan, to intercept the trade of the Spanish West Indies, and so to reduce the power of Spain, and to effect the restoration of Don Antonio to his kingdom.

March ? 54. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of Counties. The Queen being certainly informed of preparations by sea in foreign parts, is desirous of putting the realm in a state of defence, and therefore requires the full number of demi-lances and light horsemen to be made up and kept in readiness in each county. Directions to charge the gentlemen in their several counties with the numbers so to be furnished and to be ready as shall be hereafter appointed.

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April 1. Paris. 1. Richard Hakluyt, the preacher at Paris, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Strongly recommends the establishment of a prize lecture at Oxford on the art of Navigation, similar to the one founded at Paris for mathematics, by that most worthy scholar, Peter Ramus. Horatio Palavicino is willing to become an adventurer in the Western voyages, and if Mr. Carlisle be gone, it will serve Mr. Frobisher's turn. The Papists will shortly set forth a confutation of the "Defence of the Execution of Justice in England." Earthquake in Geneva. Don Antonio's captains of his fleet are not yet departed from Paris.

April 1. 2. Certificate from Mr. Petre of tonnage answered into the receipt of Exchequer, from 27th April, 1581, to 1st April, 1584, on the statute for repair of Dover Haven.

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April 1. Cuthbert Parish. 3. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has begun the level at the mine Treworthie. Difficulties of their work. Asks his advice as to working the mine. Technical particulars of their proceedings to find ore. His own devotion to the business entrusted to him. Is sorry their progress is not more satisfactory. To yield profit the mines must be worked deep. In Germany they work 30 or 40 fathoms deep before they come to the ore. Long details of the working and expenses.

April 1. Greenwich. 4. Lord Burghley to John Saunders, a waiter in the port of London. Orders not to make any more entries of ships, as Mr. Smythe's lease had been renewed.

April 5. 5. Richard Barrey to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Arrangements for the meeting of Commissioners for Dover Harbour. Mr. Partridge and Mr. Palmer are in London, and Sir James Hales is unable to travel.

April 6. 6. The Countess of Shrewsbury to same. The unfolding of her strange miseries would but trouble him. Requests that her sons may have licence to seek their livings in some other place, and care to be taken of their deer. For herself she hopes to find some friend for meat and drink, and so to end her life.

April 6. St. Peter's Hill. 7. Tho. Randolph to same. Negligence of the posts northward; intends to touch some of them whom he shall find most faulty. Strife between the constables and the Posts as to serving commissions. Requests money due to the poor Posts of Kent.

April 7. The Fleet. 8. John Calton to same. Certifies the names of the Recusants remaining in the Fleet for matters of religion.

April 8. 9. Certificate of the prisoners remaining in the Gatehouse at Westminster, for matters of religion.

April 8. 10. Certificate of the names of the prisoners in the Clink, for matters of religion: eight Papists and a Brownist.

April 8. 11. Note of the Recusants remaining in the Marshalsea; with the dates of their commitment.

April 8. King's Bench. 12. John Catysby to Walsyngham. Certifies on behalf of William Knollys, the Marshal, the names of the Recusants remaining in the prison of the King's Bench at Southwark.

April 8. 13. Certificate of prisoners committed for Ecclesiastical matters, in the custody of Edward Gateward, keeper of Her Majesty's gaol called the White Lion, in the county of Surrey.

April 8. 14. Certificate of the Recusants in Newgate, with the dates of their commitment.

April 8. 15. Certificate of the prisoners committed to the Poultry Counter for matters of religion, in the custody of Robert Gyttyns the keeper. Dr. Baker removed to my Lord of Canterbury's house.

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April 8. Seething Lane. 16. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Keeper of the Counter in the Poultry. Order to release Captain Brian upon bonds for his appearance within twenty days after warning given.

April 8. 17. Robert Gyttyns to Walsyngham. Has liberated Captain John Brian. Edward Bradill, Gillam Humblett, and John Griffin have also been released.

April 8. Dover. 18. The Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of Dover, to the Council. Mr. Thomas Allyn persists in refusing to give up his accounts of the sale of St. Peter's Church, but has secretly left the town, it is thought, for the purpose of passing them before their Lordships. *Inclosing,*

18. i. *Particulars of the lands and other parcels belonging to St. Peter's Church in Dover; with the value of the stone and old timber of the church.*

18. ii. *Requests of the Mayor, &c., of Dover, concerning St. Peter's Church, desiring that Mr. Allyn's account may be taken at Dover, and that Andrews should deliver up the accounts during his mayoralty.*

April 8. East Sheen. 19. Dr. Lewes, Judge of the Admiralty, to Mr. Robert Beale. His opinion in the suit between Sir Wm. Courtney and certain merchants of Salisbury, in a matter of wreck. Finds his health much better.

April 9. 20. The principal matters wherewith the Countess of Arundell is to be charged. Receiving and harbouring Jesuits and seminary priests, and conveying over of ill-affected subjects. Correspondence with Charles Paget.

April 9. 21. Duplicate of the above.

April 9. 22. Interrogatories ministered to the Countess of Arundell by Sir Tho. Sherley. Of her speeches against the present government; reception of seminary priests and Jesuits; hearing of mass; letters from Charles Paget, &c.

April 9. 23. Answers of Anne Countess of Arundell to the preceding interrogatories; signed by Sir Thomas Sherley.

April 10. 24. Bond of Thomas Smythe, John Birde, and John Watts, for the payment of 5,000*l.* for the works at Dover Haven.

April 10. 25. Draft of the above.

April 10. 26. Indenture between Queen Elizabeth and the Mayor and Jurats of the town of Dover for the payment of 5,000*l.* to Sir Thomas Scott, treasurer, for carrying on the repairs of Dover Harbour.

April 10. 27. Account of the allowances and expenses of the officers and overseers of the works at Dover Haven.

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[April 10?] 28. Heads of instructions for Mr. W. Hill touching the works at Dover (?)

April 11. 29. Letters of deputation from the Commissioners for executing the statute for breed of horses, appointing Sir Ralph Sadleir, Sir John Brockett, Sir Henry Cock, and others, Deputy Commissioners for the county of Hertford.

April 11. Whitehall. 30. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Commissioners for Dover Haven. Offer of Thomas Holmes and Robert Gregory to advance the profits of the tonnage in certain shires, given by statute for the repair of Dover Haven.

April 11. Dover. 31. William Willis, mayor, and others, Commissioners for Dover Haven, to Walsyngham. Have considered the articles which had been sent to them. A better plan has been proposed for making the jetty at Dover Haven, similar to one at Scarborough. Sir Thos. Scott has been chosen Treasurer for the year.

April 12. Westminster. 32. The Council to the Sheriff and Commissioners for Musters in Devon. Complain of their negligence in not certifying the musters: and commanding them to proceed immediately to the view and furnishing of the numbers required, with the aid of the gentleman appointed by Her Majesty. To promote the practice of archery.

April 12. Deptford. 33. Peter Pett to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has attended the Commissioners, although he understood the works had been entrusted to him alone, and therefore begs he may withdraw from the service. The work of the jetty, proposed by a simple man of Scarborough, is very unfit for Dover. Requests money for payment of timber, &c.

April 13. Blackfriars. 34. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Sends a letter he has received from Peter Pett, who objects to have the jetties made of rockstone and timber, as at Scarborough. *Incloses,*

34. 1. *Peter Pett to Lord Cobham. Dislikes the calling in of strangers for their opinion about the jetties; the proposal of the man of Scarborough is a very unfit thing. Requests him to help procure money for timber and other charges.* *April* 12, 1584.

April 14. Dover Castle. 35. Richard Barrey to Lord Cobham. To procure a new commission for musters within the liberties of the Cinque Ports.

April 14. Dover Castle. 36. Same to Walsyngham. Has received his letters, and intends to wait upon him. Requests Mr. Pett may be hastened to furnish the timber for the works at Dover.

April 14. Perin Sands. 37. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Thanks for his letters to his master, Mr. Smythe. Has completed their level, and so drawn off the water from the old works. They mean to work three fathoms deep below the old works. Assays of the ore, which yields 50 lbs. of lead and ½ oz. of silver per cwt. Working the copper mine at Logan. Estimates of wages and expenses. Sends specimens of

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copper ore. Barnard has run away, like a naughty, deceitful man. Has written to his master that the mines must be wrought deeply, which will grieve him sore.

April 15. 38. Resolutions taken with Peter Pett to confer with Sir Henry Gates about the jetty at Scarborough, or to send some skilful person there to view it. Provision of timber and money.

April 15. 39. Another paper of resolutions taken with Pett for proceeding with the works at Dover. Harvy West to be appointed one of the Clerks of the Check.

April 20. 40. Tho. Greves to Mr. Catlyn. Protests that he is a stranger to Mr. Dakins and Mr. Wyrralle, but would do anything he could for them, for his sake, and would procure Catlyn's liberty, if according to his promise he would bring in such persons as shall be named unto him.

April 22. 41. Remembrances to be inserted in the book "of the Order of the Garter" for the year 1584. The Earl of Leicester, Lieutenant for Her Majesty. Thos. Cooper, Bishop of Winchester, appointed Prelate of the Order.

April 22? 42. Form of oath of the Prelate and Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, Latin.

April 22? 43. Notes on the office and habit of the Prelate of the Order of the Garter. Indorsed, "*B. of Winchester, Prelate of the Garter.*" Latin.

April 22. 44. The examination of James Welche, Scholar of Magdalen College, Cambridge, taken before Mr. Justice Wyndham, Sir Wm. Heydon, Nath. Bacon, and Wm. Blenerhaisett, touching the cause of his departure to the continent, his travels there, his return, and services in divers parts of the kingdom in discovering and arresting Papists.

April 22. Dover. 45. Sir Tho. Scott to Walsyngham. Recommends that the workmen who had been engaged on the jetty at Scarborough and the works at Romney, should be employed to finish the haven's mouth at Dover. Proceedings in the musters.

April 22. 46. Tho. Dygges to same. States his opinion that the plan for the construction of the jetties at Dover Harbour, as at Scarborough, is far preferable to that of Peter Pett's. Desires to communicate a plan of his own, privately, to Walsyngham. Defect in the construction of the sluice gates.

April 23. Deptford. 47. Peter Pett to same. Requests money and commission for carriage of timber provided in Essex and Sussex for Dover Haven.

April 23. 48. Presentment against Robert Sutton of Aylesham at the Norfolk assizes, for publishing of a book containing these words: "Not to be with the Pope is to be with Antichrist."

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April 23. 49. Certificate of the Recusants indicted and convicted at the Norfolk Sessions, stating their various offences: hearing mass, receiving hallowed beads, &c.

April 25. 50. Dr. Hammond to Walsyngham. That he has taken the examination of Hugh Catlyn, who, it appeared, had been imprisoned at the instigation of George Dakens. The practices against Catlyn should be examined into. Dealings of Younge, the Pursuivant, with Greves, Dickinson, and the rest, apprehended at Knightsbridge.

April 28. 51. Examination of George Dakens, touching the contents of the articles which he preferred to Sec. Walsyngham against Hugh Catlyn. His acquaintance with John Worrall.

April 28. 52. Examination of Tho. Greves upon articles exhibited to Walsyngham relative to Catlyn and Dakens.

April 29. 53. Examination of Robert Greene, of Bobbing, in Kent, on his opinions in matters of religion, and his dealing with Papists.

April 29. 54. Examination of John Sharpe, one of the singing men at St. Paul's, touching his knowledge of Mr. Greene, of Kent, and his daughter Mary.

April 29. 55. Examination of Hugh Catlyn, as to his acquaintance with Mr. Worrall, Daking, *alias* Dakens, and others.

April 29. 56. Order, by Lord Burghley, for a general injunction to the Council in the Marches of Wales to stay proceedings against the tenants of Sir Andrew Corbett in the Manor of Edgboulton.

April. 57. The Treasurer of the Navy to Lord Burghley. His diligence in reforming the office committed to him, wherein he has met with much opposition, being even as a sheep among wolves. 3,000*l.* has been saved yearly to Her Majesty. The ships have been put into repair for 500*l.* less than Mr. Pett's estimate. Desires an acknowledgment of his services.

April. 58. Form of deputation from the Commissioners for executing the statute for the keeping and breed of horses. Appointment of Deputy Commissioners in the several shires.

April. 59. Note of the places and days appointed in various counties for the Sheriffs and Commissioners of Musters to meet with the Muster Masters, for verifying certificates.

April. 60. Abstract of the contents of the Council's letters touching the musters in the several shires. Specific points contained in the letters.

April. 61. Note of the number of men with which the several shires have been charged, and the numbers certified.

April. 62. The Council to the Commissioners for Musters in Devon. Commendations for their diligence in the Musters. A gentleman

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will be named as Muster Master, who is appointed to meet with them at Exeter on the 20th of May. Urges them and the Justices of Peace to promote the practice of archery. [*Similar letters were sent to various other counties.*]

April. 63. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters in the several shires. Announcing the appointment of Muster Masters instructed to view the numbers of men, with the armour, weapons, and furniture appointed to be in readiness, and to train them in the use of their weapons.

April. 64. Another letter from the Council, announcing the appointment of Muster Masters.

April. 65. Articles or instructions for the manner of mustering of all the able men in each county, to be delivered to the Queen's Lieutenant or his deputies, and the rest of the Justices of the Peace by the bearer sent as a muster master, within the same county.

April. 66. Names of certain counties in England and the whole of Wales not charged with the training of soldiers.

April? 67. A remembrance to speak with Sir John Clifton concerning the liquidation of the debts of Lady Talboys, his late wife, who died at Greenwich on the 6th of May last, 1583.

April? 68. Petition of John Gardener, one of the porters of the Poultry Compter, to Lord Burghley. That he had been committed to Newgate for the escape of an Irishman named James Forrell, a prisoner in the Compter. Acknowledges his fault and negligence, and solicits to be pardoned.

April? 69. Account of money owing for Dover Haven, on the licence for beer, and of the sums paid to various persons for the use of the said Harbour.

May 2. Chichester. 70. The Mayor and Citizens of Chichester to the Council. Send up by Richard Lewknor the sum of 5*l.* which they have collected for the inhabitants of Namptwich, towards the relief of their lamentable mischance by fire.

May 3? 71. Certificate of musters for the whole county of Wilts, of pikemen, harquebuziers, archers, and billmen, levied in the six divisions of the county, according to ancient usage.

May 3. Stoke. 72. William Brouncker to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Miscalculation in the numbers required for Sir Walter Hungerford's division of the county of Wilts, which had been increased since their last certificate in 1580, from 180 to 240. Requests that no blame may attach to him for the deficiency.

May 4. 73. The Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to the Council. Send up the sum of 13*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, collected for relief of the inhabitants of Namptwich, in Cheshire.

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May 5. Oxford. 74. Wm. Furnesse, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Oxford, to the Council. Have collected the sum of 10*l.* for the relief of the town of Namptwich, and sent it to Mr. Tho. Aldersey and Tho. Brasey, merchants and citizens of London.

May 5. Bedford House. 75. Francis Earl of Bedford to Walsyngham. The gentlemen of Somerset greatly mislike the office of Keeper of the County Court being granted from the Sheriff to any private person.

May 5. 76. Examinations of Francis Beane and others, taken at Colchester, before the Bailiffs there, touching the controversy between Sir Tho. Lucas and Mr. Tey. Devices of Sir Tho. Lucas to seduce men into his band and service from Mr. Tey.

May 7 77. An answer to the pretended causes wherefore Mr. Edw. Boughton doth prosecute his suit in the Common Pleas against John Bishop of Rochester and Tho. Mykelthwaite, preacher and vicar of Plumstead.

May 8. 78. Answers of the Bailiffs and others of Scarborough to certain articles concerning the re-edifying of Dover Pier. Statement of the dimensions and construction of their pier at Scarborough.

May 8. 79. Edward Ha. to Tho. Collwell and William Norwood, desiring their best furtherance to his master for his part of their account. Papists.

May 12. Southampton. 80. Richard Goddarde, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Southampton, to the Council. Have sent to Tho. Aldersey and Tho. Brasey, of London, the sum of 5*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* for the relief of the inhabitants of Namptwich.

May 14. Greenwich. 81. The Council to the Lord President and Council of Wales, relative to the training of men in the counties of Anglesea, Carnarvon, and Merioneth, for defence of the sea coast. Richard Gwynne appointed Muster Master for that purpose.

May 15. Perin Sands. 82. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has written and sends letters to Mr. Smythe of their proceedings, which will be of small comfort to him; God send better. His sight fails him through care and want of sleep.

May 18. 83. Minute of the Order for proceeding with the Merchant Adventurers for the settling of their trade, and ending their controversy with the Merchants of the Stillyard.

May 20. Litchfield. 84. The Bailiffs and Citizens of Lichfield to the Council. Have sent up the sum of 6*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* for the relief of Namptwich.

May 20. The Court. 85. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters in the Maritime Counties. Additional directions for the training and muster-

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1584. ing a reduced number of men, to be sorted into their several kinds. The training of the shot is of the first importance. *Inclosing,*

85. I. *Schedule of the numbers of men appointed to be trained in the maritime counties, sorted into bands, with the names of their captains.*

85. II. *Fair copy of the above.*

85. III. *An order for the ready and easy training of shot and the avoiding of great expense and waste of powder.*

May 20. The Court. 86. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters for the Inland Shires; to the same effect as the above.

May 21. Bedford House. 87. Earl of Bedford to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In favour of the bearer, John Clarke, who had sustained very great hindrance in his trade of clothmaking, by the Lord Pagett's hard dealing.

May 22. Kenilworth. 88. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. Advises her with reference to the Queen of Scots, if Her Majesty intends to proceed by way of treaty, then to remember the only means she can have to keep them in awe and to bridle them, and to use the power that God hath given her. Urges her to rely on the mighty and assured strength she has at home, rather than to seek for foreign friendship.

May 24. 89. Notes touching the conveyance of letters, apparently for establishing a secret channel of correspondence. To have the opinion of Tho. Germin as to the persons to be trusted. [*In the handwriting of Thomas Phelippes.*]

May 24. Greenwich. 90. The Council to the Bishop of Chester. Desiring his opinion on the complaint of Sir John Southworth against Mr. Worsley, his keeper. To take bonds of Sir John Southworth for his appearance before the Council.

May 26. 91. Brief note of the Privy Seals issued in 1583 and 1584 for the repair of the forts and defences of the realm, and how much is expended on each of them.

1854?
May 27. 92. Information presented to the Council by a Justice of Peace complaining of abuses in the administration of justice in the county of Oxford. Assaults committed by Tho. Hore upon one Wrickleworth. Hore abetted by Mr. Cromwell Lea and Mr. Crofts, Justices of Peace.

1854.
May 27. Abingdon. 93. Thomas Smyth, Mayor, and other inhabitants of Abingdon to Walsyngham. Desiring they may have a separate commission for taking the musters of their town, according to ancient privilege.

May 31. Christ's Church, Oxford. 94. Dr. Tho. Thornton to same. That he had sent up the money collected in the University of Oxford for relief of the town of

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Namptwich, and is sorry the state of the University did not enable them to give more. *Incloses,*

94. 1. *A Note of the money collected in the University of Oxford for the relief of the town of Namptwich; stating the sum subscribed by each college, amounting in the whole to the sum of* 24*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

May? 95. Information against Helen Allen, wife of William Allen, linendraper and citizen of London. Words uttered by Richard Amyas to Helen Allen on the execution of her cousin Ralph Sherwyn.

May. 96. The state of the case between William Typper and John Munslowe, to whom Typper had become bound for one Tho. Lucas, for the payment of 57*l.*

May. 97. Reasons to prove the East mouth of the haven at Dover to be more commodious than the West; and wherein one resembleth the other.

May? 98. Articles to be considered and resolved on touching Dover Haven, whether to open the mouth of the haven on the East or the West side of the crane.

May. 99. Questions demanded of the Masters and Mariners sent for by the Mayor of Dover, to speak their opinions touching the construction of the works for Dover Harbour; with their answers to the same. Signed by the parties, and witnessed by Sir Ric. Greynvile, Geo. Cary, Wm. Willis, mayor, and other Commissioners.

May? 100. Names of the Officers for Dover Haven, with the rates of their several fees and wages; Sir Thos. Scott, treasurer.

May? 101. Notes and instructions for various works at Dover Haven. A letter to be written to Mr. Stickles.

May? 102. Proportion of soldiers appointed to be trained in the county of Cornwall; with rates of the prices of furniture (weapons) to be supplied.

May? 103. Interrogatories for the examination of servant to Mr. Darrell, as to his conveyance of letters to and from Francis Throkmarton, George Throckmorton, &c. Intercourse of Cicely Hopton with the prisoners in the Tower: with answers to the same, in the margin.

May? 104. Lord Burghley to Archbishop Sandys. Suggests to him the propriety of his interceding, by an application from himself to the Queen, for the release of Sir Robt. Stapleton, whose longer continuance in prison would be attributed to motives of personal revenge on the part of the Archbishop. [*Stapleton wrote to Burleigh on the 27th of May, 1584, from the Fleet, intreating to be released from his grievous imprisonment. Strype, Annals Vol.* III., *Pt.* 1, *p.* 158.]

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June 1. Tower. 1. Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Conversation with Francis Throckmarton, and his supplication to the Queen. Lady Throckmorton, his mother, has given him good and motherly counsel to deal plainly and loyally with Her Majesty. Requests directions as to permitting him to have interviews with Lady Throckmorton, his mother. *Incloses,*

1. I. *Supplication of Francis Throkmorton "to Her moste excelent "Matie, even to her owne rogall handes," acknowledging his just condemnation, lamenting the inconsiderate rashness of unbridled youth, and imploring her, in imitation of the example of God, for mercy and forgiveness.*

June 1 ? 2. Signification of the Queen's pleasure for Francis Throckmarton to have interviews with his mother and wife, for them to persuade him to discharge his duty towards Her Majesty.

June 2. 3. Note of additions requisite to be made to the instructions of the 19th of Elizabeth, sent to the Lord President for the government of the Marches of Wales.

June 2. Cuthbert Parish. 4. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Mr. Edgecombe has gone to London, and so has Mr. Weston. Progress of the works at Treworthie, where the waters have impeded them much. Hopes soon to come to some good ore. They have come upon very good ore, and in great quantities in the copper mine at Logan. Sends specimens. Method of their working.

June 2. Deed of confirmation by Francis Alford to Edw. Alford and Edmond King of the manor, &c., of Aston Underedge, co. Gloucester, in trust for the sole use of the said Edw. Alford. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 1.]

June 4. Cuthbert. 5. Ulricke Frose. Thanks for letters from London. Mr. Weston will return in two or three weeks.

June 5. 6. Heads of the disorders committed by Thos. Tey, Esq., against Sir Tho. Lucas, Sheriff and Captain appointed for the training of 300 men in the county of Essex, whereby the public service for the musters in Essex was hindered, and great breach of Her Majesty's peace was like to have ensued.

June 5. 7. Statement by Mr. Thomas Tey addressed to the Council, of the abuses committed by Sir Tho. Lucas in the service of the musters; of his overbearing conduct, inveigling soldiers out of Mr. Tey's band, &c.

June 5 ? 7A. The answer of Tho. Lord Darcy and Mr. Edmund Pirton to certain articles sent unto them, of their knowledge touching the quarrel between Sir Tho. Lucas and Mr. Tey.

June 6. Cambleford. 8. Tho. Horde, Captain and Muster-master for Cornwall, to Walsyngham. Reports on the state of the musters of the county; that he found the people ill-supplied with arms, but very ready to procure

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them if possible. Careful and diligent service of Mr. George Greynevyle, the sheriff, and the Justices of the shire, in forwarding the musters.

June 6. Cornwall. 9. George Greynevyle, the Sheriff, and the Commissioners of Musters for Cornwall to Walsyngham. The diligence of Mr. Horde, the Muster master, in the viewing of the trained men. They have supplied him with money for the furnishing of armour and munition.

June 7. Abingdon. 10. The Commissioners of Musters for Berkshire to same. Desire that the town of Abingdon may be included in the general musters of the shire.

June [7 ?]. 11. A note by the Captains appointed to command the soldiers in Berkshire to the Council, showing why the number of men cannot stand, as they have set it down for the Captains.

June 7. Scott's Hall. 12. Sir Tho. Scott to same. Has signed a warrant, authorizing Mr. Customer Smyth to receive 5,000*l.* out of the Exchequer for the use of Dover Harbour.

June 8. 13. Tho. Digges to same. Sends notes of matters about Dover, and requests him to write to Sir Tho. Scott and the rest of the Commissioners to meet Sir Philip Sidney at Dover to consult upon a final resolution of all matters. *Incloses,*

13. I. *Brief notes of the proceedings of Mr. Tho. Digges in the works at Dover Harbour since the beginning, with the present state thereof. Points out the errors of former persons engaged on the works.*

13. II. *Articles concerning the entrance of Dover Harbour, with marginal observations on the same.*

13. III. *Estimate of the expenses of certain works necessary to be done in opening the mouth of the Haven, on the rocky soil above the Black Bulwark.*

13. IV. *Considerations where and in what manner the mouth of Dover Harbour may best be opened.*

13. V. *Specification of an offer made by certain partners, touching the performance of the jetties and harbour of Dover, according to the plat by them presented.*

June 9. Richmond. 14. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Commissioners for Musters in Essex. Reproof for placing the trained men of the half hundred of Witham under the charge of another person instead of Sir Tho. Mildmay; most of the men being his tenants and near neighbours.

June 10. Wiston. 15. Anne Countess of Arundell to Walsyngham. Desires him to use his interest with the Queen that she may be released from her imprisonment. Her own heart cannot accuse her of any undutiful thought towards Her Majesty.

June 10. 16. A note of such works as are presently to be done at Dover Haven this summer; together with the Commissioners' answers to the same.

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June 10. 17, 18. Doubts as to the execution of certain works, referred to the consideration of Sir Ric. Greynvile and Mr. Cary. Two papers.

June 10. 19. Articles, by Walsyngham, to be considered of by the Commissioners for Dover Haven.

June 11. 20. Fair copy of the above.

June 11. 21. George Goring and William Morley to Walsyngham. Desire that the mustering and training of the Rape of Pevensey, of which they had been appointed Captains, may be entrusted to others, as they were bound to attend in their respective divisions of Lewes and the Cinque Ports.

June 12. The Court. 22. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Her Majesty has given directions for the prohibiting of the exportation of victuals and munition to the malcontents. Has not been able to speak with Her Majesty about Burghley's voyage to Dover, as he found her very much out of quiet, probably upon some cause given by Mr. Vice-Chamberlain. Her offence towards Lord Hunsdon rather increases, and Walsyngham, seeking to qualify her displeasure, received hard speeches himself.

June 13. Westminster. 23. Sir Francis Knollys, Treasurer of the Household, to same. Has written to request the Archbishop of Canterbury to open the mouths of all zealous preachers, being sound in doctrine, although they refuse to subscribe to any tradition of man. Refusal of the Archbishop on account of danger to Her Majesty and the State. Is grieved to the heart to see the course of popish treason to be neglected, and the zealous preachers of the Gospel to be persecuted and put to silence.

June 14. Gloucester. 24. The Dean and Chapter and the Mayor and Burgesses of Gloucester to the Council. The matter in controversy between them touching the liberties and privileges of the Cathedral church has been amicably arranged. Complain of the conduct of the Pursuivants.

June 15. 25. Lady Cobham to Lord Burghley. The Queen liketh well of the gloves he sent her; the buttons and silk wherewith they are garnished pleaseth her much. The Queen read all his letter, and wished he had not broken so grievous a matter to her; but she spake not one bitter word.

June 16. 26. Note of money paid upon the Council's warrants within the office of the Treasurer of the Chamber from Michaelmas 1583 till June 16, 1584.

June 16. 27. Mr. Swift's note that some order may be taken for the better execution of the Commissioners warrants for the apprehending of pirates. Negligent constables and other officers to answer for their dealings.

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June 16. Chichester. 28. Ralph Chauntler, the Mayor, and other citizens of Chichester, to Walsyngham. Desire that they may have a special commission for the mustering of their city, it being a peculiar liberty.

June 16. Tower of London. 29. Jo. Powell, H. Paineter, and Ric. Boillande to same. Send a schedule of the articles required for St. Michael's Mount. *Inclosing,*

29. I. *Schedule of stores and estimate of the charge for the furnishing of St. Michael's Mount, in the county of Cornwall.*

29. II. *Warrant, to be signed by the Queen, for the delivery of ordnance out of the stores for St. Michael's Mount.*

29. III. *Privy Seal for the sum of 34l. to be paid to Sir William Pelham, Knt., for stores for St. Michael's Mount.*

June 16. Dover. 30. The Commissioners of Dover Haven to the Council. Have consulted with Sir Ric. Greynvile and Mr. Geo. Cary and others, upon the place for the mouth of Dover Haven. *Inclosing,*

30. I. *Resolution and opinions of the Commissioners as to the most eligible place for opening the mouth of Dover Haven.*

30. II. *Answers of the Commissioners of Dover Haven to the articles sent down by the Privy Council for their consideration, on the 11th June,* 1584.

June 16? 31. Opinion of Sir Ric. Greynvile as to the condition of the sluice at Dover Haven.

June 16. 32. Advertisement from France, Cologne, and Antwerp, of the state of affairs on the Continent. Monsieur died on the last of May, and it was resolved that the King of Navarre should be called "Monsieur" as heir apparent to the Crown. The Imperial town of Augusta (Augsburg) taken by the Romanists. Distress of the Malcontents in Bruges.

June 17. Deptford. 33. John Hawkyns to Walsyngham. Reports his opinion as to the opening for the mouth of Dover Haven, which, for many reasons, should be on the West side of the crane. Timber is best to be used for the new works. The workmanship of the sluice is good, but there are great defects in the works of the pent.

June 17. 34. George Carey to same. States his opinion in regard to the opening of the mouth of Dover Harbour, and the condition of the works already executed. Recommends stone for the new works.

June 17. At the Court. 35. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has shewn Her Majesty the note of the lands growing by the attainder of Arden and Somervyll. She desires a note of the lands of Lord Pagett, Charles Arundell and Charles Paget, as also such lands as are grown unto her by the attainder of Francis Throckmarton. Has moved her for the release of the ships of the Merchants Adventurers, but without success; she is determined to overthrow that Company.

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June 17. Fenchurch Street. 36. Thomas Smythe to Ulricke Frose, overseer of the mineral works at Perin Sands, &c., in Cornwall. Has conferred with Mr. Weston about the works, from which the company calculate to make above 100 tons of perfect copper yearly. Desires him to confer with Mr. Carnsewe thereon, and to act on his advice. Robert Denham is sent down with a general letter of instructions, and to inspect the mines.

June 17. Colchester. 37. Thomas Lord D'Arcie, Edmund Pirton, and Francis Harvey to the Council. Have examined several parties relative to matter in controversy between Sir Tho. Lucas and Mr. Tey. Request further directions.

June 18. Colchester. 38. Tho. Lord D'Arcie to Walsyngham. The Commissioners had received his letters about the half hundred of Witham, with all due respect. Requests that the arrangement for that division may be confirmed as appointed by the Commissioners, and not be transferred to Sir Tho. Mildmay.

June 18. 39. A note of the ruins and decays proved on the behalf of the Bishop of London in his suit for dilapidations commenced against the Archbishop of York.

June 18. 40. A note of the surveys of the Bishop's palace of London, the Church of St. Paul's, and at other places, according to the views taken in 1577 and 1580.

June 19. Deptford. 41. John Hawkyns, Wm. Borough, and Peter Pett to Walsyngham. Their opinion that the opening of the Haven on the West side should be done with timber work. Proportion and quantities of timber and stone work necessary.

June 19. Chichester. 42. Henry Mervin and Tho. Lewkenor to same. Desire that the liberties of Chichester may be mustered with the rest of the shire. The service disturbed and hindered by the refusal of the city to join with the Commissioners. *Inclosing,*

42. I. *Note of the able men and armour for the Rape of Chichester, and certified as part of the 4,000 required of the county of Sussex. Reasons which move them to desire that the Rape of Chichester may be mustered with the rest of the shire.*

June 19. Chichester. 43. Same to the Council. Their opinions that the city of Chichester should be mustered with the rest of the shire. *Inclosing,*

43. I. *Duplicate of the inclosure in Walsyngham's letter.*

June 20. 44. Letter of Martin Furnelowe, of Tattershall in co. Lincoln, appointing William Curtyse, of Caster, co. Northampton, to be his attorney for the collection of the tenths, tythe and tythings, oblations, and offerings belonging to the Rectory and Parsonage of Water Newton, in the County of Huntingdon, due to Furnelowe by lease from Samuel Wyllingham, parson of Water Newton.

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June 20. 45. The confession of Thomas Layton, a recusant, taken at sea on his voyage to Roüen in France, by Wm. Arnewoode Information of the names and resorts of priests and Jesuits; his acquaintance with Thos. Wilson, priest, who is a conveyer of money over sea for all Papists. Worthington, Otwaye, and Burton, priests.

June 22. Brentwood. 46. Sir John Petre to Walsyngham. His proceedings in the musters. Mr. Anthony Cooke had discharged the men of the Liberty of Havering and other Hundreds from attending the musters; much to the hinderance of the service.

June 23. 47. Examination of Michael Oglethorpe, servant to Francis Beaumont, touching a letter conveyed by him to the house of Mr. Shirley, at Staunton Park.

June 23. 48. Decree in the Star-Chamber for the redressing the abuses in printing, setting forth the ordinances and constitutions, rules and articles, by all persons from henceforth to be duly and inviolably kept and observed.

June 23. 49. Tho. Digges to Walsyngham. Has sent Robt. Sickle to Dover. The works there. His former friend Mr. Hygate intends commencing suit against him, for damages on a bond. The proposed mole at Folkestone by Sir Ric. Greynvile could not be erected for less than 100,000*l.*

June 23. 50. A memorial for Dover Haven. Certain points to be resolved by Paul Ivye and Mr. Bradley, relative to the works.

June 24. Dover. 51. Henry West to Walsyngham. Giving an account of the progress of the works at Dover Pier. Will send information from time to time. The great sluice is very imperfect. Fourteen tons of Rochelle pipes have been received.

June 25. Scott's Hall. 52. Sir Tho. Scott to Mr. Customer Tho. Smythe. Requests a further supply of money, for the works at Dover Haven.

June 25. 53. Articles to be ministered to George Shirley. What intelligence had passed between him and Francis Throckmarton about the Queen of Scots. His knowledge of the proceedings of Throckmarton.

June 25. 54. The answer of George Shirley to certain articles ministered to him the 25th of June touching the dealings with Francis Throckmarton and the Queen of Scots. Names of the gentlemen at whose houses he has visited.

June 25. 55. Interrogatories for the examination of Tho. Dymocke. His knowledge of Thos. Hall, Polwheele, and one Mr. Greene and his son, and their conveyance from Tichfield to Dieppe. Conveyance abroad of other Papists.

June 25. 56. The answers of Tho. Dymocke to the above. His dealings with Recusants and Papists.

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June 26. 57. A declaration of the custom and subsidy received for exports and imports at twelve ports, in one year's time. Anno 25 Eliz.

June 26. Bewmaner. 58. Adryan Stockes and Thomas Cave to Walsyngham. Have repaired to Gracedieu, and examined Mrs. Anne Beaumont, wife of Francis Beaumont, as to her dealings with Mr. Shirley, and other recusants. Recommend that old Mrs. Beaumont should be restrained of her liberty, as a recusant and great favourer of Papists. *Inclosing,*

58. I. *The examination of Anne Beaumont, of Gracedieu, wife of Francis Beaumont, Esq.*

June 26. 59. The examination of William Hawkines, touching his charge against Richard Browne, prisoner in the Gatehouse, in persuading him to go beyond the seas, to Rome. Browne's expedient to raise money for the journey. Combination against Secretary Walsyngham and others of the government.

June 26. 60. Further proofs against Richard Browne, now prisoner in the Gatehouse.

June 26? 61. Richard Browne, prisoner in the Gatehouse, to Walsyngham. Desires by his favour to have the charges against him speedily heard, being oppressed with great poverty in prison.

June 27. Perin Sands. 62. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Proceedings at Treworthie mine. Much troubled with water in the shafts. Delay for want of money, so that they can only work at one shaft. Report that the ore found at Sir Francis Godolphin's mine yields 30lbs. weight of silver in the cwt. God send they may light on the same. Danger of casting away silver ore amongst the rubble. Good yield of copper ore at Logan. At St. Hillers is a tin work in which is a copper lode of 4 feet broad. Proposes its being worked.

June 27. Rushbrook. 63. Sir Robert Jermyn, Sir Robert Ashefield, and others, to the Council. Survey of the musters and military defences of the island of Lothingland. Plan of the island. *Inclosing,*

63. I. *A survey of the island of Lothingland, in the county of Norfolk. Its dimensions, situation, and means of defence, the chief persons living in it, and their religious and political characters. Its importance to the town of Yarmouth.*

63. II. *Copy of the certificate.*

63. III. *Plan of Lothingland, showing the waters, creeks, villages, and the names of the principal persons holding property there.*

June 28. 64. Bishop Scorey to the Council. Has dealt effectually with the clergy of Hereford, and collected and sent up 28*l.* 18*s.* from them for the relief of Namptwich, and 5*l.* of his own benevolence. Many of the clergy, however, "did use themselves very contemptuouslie."

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June 28. Worcester. 65. The Bailiffs and Aldermen of Worcester to Walsyngham (?). Particulars of the affray between Mr. Tho. Willoughby's men and the servants of Francis Brace, Esq., wherein James Hill was slain.

June 28. Stamford. 66. Roger Cave to Lord Burghley. Proposed marriages between his children and those of his brother, Mr. Richard Bagott. Suit of his son-in-law, Mr. Bagott, for a lease of the Lord Paget's lands, called Seenye Park and Shepnall Grange. Requests his warrant for two brace of bucks from Paget's grounds.

June 28. Portsmouth. 67. Ric. Seegwicke, Mayor of Portsmouth, Francis Cotton, and Jo. Highfelde, to the Council. Progress of the storehouse and fortifications at Portsmouth, and accounts of Richard Popinjay, surveyor there. *Inclosing,*

67. I. *An abstract of the charge required to finish the storehouse at Portsmouth.*

67. II. *A note of the charges for finishing the storehouse and fortifications at Portsmouth.*

67. III. *Estimate of the quantity and cost of lime and stone wanting for the finishing of the long storehouse at Portsmouth.*

67. IV. *An estimate of the timber for the long storehouse at Portsmouth.*

June 30. 68. Examinations of the Mariners of the Hopewell of Poole, wherein Leighton, the Jesuit, and others, were to have been conveyed across the sea: taken before John Rogers, the Mayor, and Justices of Poole. Meeting at sea with William Arnewoode, a pirate.

June? 69. Certain points to be resolved on touching Dover Haven, by Paul Ive and Humfrey Bradley. Stopping the leakage of the sluice, &c.

June? 70. The answers of Paul Ive and H. Bradley to the above questions.

June? 71. Opinions of Sir Ric Greynvile and Mr. George Cary on the answers of Ive and Bradley. They propose the appointment of some person of ability to superintend the whole work.

June. 72. Petition of John Beymounte, in the name of the Fishermen of the coast of Suffolk, to Walsyngham. That they may receive satisfaction for the loss sustained from Scottish pirates, who had captured upwards of 14 sail of shipping from various towns, and lie in wait for the Iceland ships; for which they beg to be protected by one of Her Majesty's ships.

June. 73. Memoranda touching the commission for the apprehension of pirates. Commission into Dorset, Hampshire, Devon, and Cornwall, to inquire of all piracies and of such as have bought of them and aided them.

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June ? 74, 75. Petition of William Crispe and others of the port of Sandwich to the Council. That they may receive satisfaction for the spoils committed by the Flushingers, before any restraint. [*Two copies.*]

June? 76. Petition of Barbara Naylor, of Sandwich, to Walsyngham. Desires satisfaction for a ship laden with wheat and malt taken by a man-of-war of Rotterdam, and sold at Ostend.

June? 77. Protestation of Thomas Croushawe, minister. Denying that he ever accused Sir Wm. Drury of stealing away the Great Seal of England.

June? 78. [Thomas Croushawe's] recantation of the slanderous speeches he had uttered against Sir William Drury accusing him, by indirect means, of procuring the Queen's presentation of David Wood to the benefice of Hartest and Boxsted.

June? 79. Statement by Mr. Att. Gen. Popham, showing that the conspiracy of Francis Throckmarton for the liberation of the Queen of Scots and toleration of religion may be traced to the Earl of Northumberland. Implication of the Earl in the secret meetings with Charles Paget when in England, at Petworth. Connexion between the Earl, Lord Paget, Charles Paget, Charles Arundell, and Robotham.

June? 80. Points to be considered in Council touching the peril that may grow by Spain, if that King should gain full possession of Holland and Zealand, the Prince of Orange being now taken away. Means to resist the sinister designs of Spain by alliance with France, &c.

June? 81. Remembrances for Dover Haven. Timber landed at Dover. The workmen from Scarborough were ready to commence their work. Search by Capt. Ward, Mayor of Folkestone, for tons and chains.

June 9. 82. Declaration by Edward Osborne, Lord Mayor of London, of the state of the cause now depending between Fytton and Mallory, for the office of one of the Secondaries of London. Recommending Mr. Fytton to be appointed instead of Mr. Mallory, who was of evil fame in the city and unmeet for such an important office.

June? 83. Account of the charges of training of soldiers in Lincolnshire.

June? 84. Names of all such persons as have been charged by the Lord Abergavenny with the furnishing of demilances and light horse within the Lath of Sutton-at-Hone, at the musters at Malling Heath.

June? Rheims. 85. Dr. Allen to ——. Is anxious to know what had become of Throckmarton and the others. Has heard that one of Lord Seton's sons had been sent as ambassador into Spain. Desires to know what Lord Lumley pretendeth. Has received Nicholl's letters of his recantation. [*In the hand of Tho. Phelippes.*]

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1584. June ? 86. A treatise in jnstification of the trial and condemnation of Francis Throckmarton, setting forth the principal acts of treason proved against him; his confessions while under torture of the rack; proofs of his complicity with the Queen of Scots.

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1584. July 1. 1. Lord Burghley to Archbishop Whitgyfte. Has been charged with neglect of duty in not staying his Grace's proceedings, so vehement and so general against ministers and preachers, as the Papists are thereby greatly encouraged, all evil disposed subjects animated, and consequently the Queen's Majesty's safety endangered. Has seen by chance "an instrument of 24 articles of great length "and curiosity, formed in a Romish style, to examine all manner of "ministers, in this time, without distinction of persons," and finds them so curiously penned, so full of branches and circumstances, as he thinks the Inquisitors of Spain use not so many questions to comprehend and trap their preys. Thinks in charity the poor ministers ought not to answer to all these nice points. Desires the peace of the church and unity in the exercise of religion. *Annexed,*

1. 1. *Burghley to Dr. Daye, Dean of Windsor. Disapproves of his having prohibited the practice of catechizing children in some of the parish churches at Windsor.*
Hampton Court, December 31, 1575.

2. Inventory of the munition and stores belonging to Her Majesty remaining in Tynmouth Castle.

July 1. 3. An estimate of my Lady of O[xford's] charges for one whole year at the Court, including wages and liveries for servants. Expenses of servants attending upon Lady Elizabeth Vere.

July 2. Uppingham. 4. Anthony Collie, sheriff, Kenelme Dygby, and others, Justices of the county of Rutland, to the Council. Have collected and sent up the sum of 8*l.* for the relief of Namptwich, and begging the acceptance of the same as from the smallest shire in England.

July 2. Norwich. 5. Protestation of Edmund Windam, doctor of law, wherein he affirms his allegiance to Queen Elizabeth, although he adheres to the Romish religion. [*Originally dated July* 2, 1583, *but subsequently altered to June* 1583.]

July 2. 6. Copy of the above, wrongfully dated August 2, 1583.

July 3. 7. Examination of John Thipthorp, Thomas Nash, and divers other persons, taken before Thomas Mills, serjeant-at-arms, touching certain unlawful speeches used by John Carre, that the King of Scots would be governor in England.

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July 3. 8. Depositions of Henry Remington, formerly servant to Mr. Deacon, suspected of being a disperser of Papists' books.

July 3? 9. Walsyngham to Henry Guldeford. To have care of the works at Dover, and to employ no more *courtes* nor workmen than may be necessary. Mr. Pett's carpenters to be discharged.

July 4. Dover. 10. Wm. Willis, Mayor of Dover, to Walsyngham. Two strangers named Peter Harringman and William Halse had arrived from Dunkirk to give their opinions on the construction of the works at Dover Haven. More strangers ready to come over if thought necessary.

July 4. 11. Questions relative to the construction of the works at Dover Haven, to be considered of by the men lately come from Dunkirk.

July 4? 12. Memorial by Walsyngham for Dover Haven. Gentlemen to be sent down to view the works; Sir P. Sidney cannot go. Names of the gentlemen, who are to meet at Walsyngham House.

July 4? 13. Memorial for John Hill, of such things as are to be considered by the Commissioners for Dover Haven.

July 4? 14. A note of such points as are meet to be considered of, touching Dover Haven.

July 7. Paris. 15. W. Stonhouse to Walsyngham. Thanks for obtaining the Queen's licence for him to travel. Has refrained from writing to him hitherto, but now writes, lest his silence might be imputed to neglect. Walsyngham's commandments had been to him a buckler of defence and preserved him in all true service and religion towards God, and duty and obedience towards Her Majesty.

July 7.? Fenchurch Street. 16. Thomas Smythe to Wm. Carnsewe. Mr. Weston has received money for the supply of the Cornish minerals. Hopes soon to receive some return for the money expended. Weston is going to Wales, taking Denham with him. Ulricke is to take charge at Neath as more suited to his quietness. Directs Carnsewe to furnish Ulricke with money to carry on the works at Perin Sands and Logan.

July 7. Fenchurch Street. Same to Ulricke Frose. Robt. Denham is going into Wales with Mr. Weston. Agreement of the company with Denham. Hans Hering will be brought back again into Cornwall. Order for sending the copper ore to the smelting house at Neath, in Wales, and Frose to take charge there after Michaelmas. [*See* 17 *June* 1584.]

June 8. The Court. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Lord Chief Justice and Judges of the King's Bench. Directions to forbear hearing the case of one Peirce of Norfolk, and a certain Portuguese, as it was determinable properly by the civil law only, in the Admiralty Court. [*See Dom. Ch.* I, *Ad.* 1631, *p.* 536.]

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July 9. Brome. 17. Sir Tho. Cornwaleys to Lord Burghley. No action of his life discovers a disobedient or unquiet thought towards Her Majesty. Transmits a copy of his letter to the Bishop of Norwich, justifying his non-attendance at church. Has not long to live, but hopes to end the rest of his days, with a quiet conscience, in his own house.

July 9. Dover. 18. Wm. Willis, Mayor of Dover, and Henry Guldeford, to Walsyngham. Explain the reason of a greater number of Courts (workmen) being put upon the works at Dover than had been appointed. Part of the small sluice has been taken up. Have, with the advice of Paul Ive, discharged the Dutchmen. Stickles has weighed five rocks.

July 9. Dover. 19. Henry Guldeford to Richard Barrey. Sir Fr. Walsyngham has written to complain that there were too many Courts employed on the works at Dover, which had been done by order of Sir Tho. Scott. Suspects that Mr. West has given that information in an underhand manner.

July 10. 20. Indenture of lease by the Company of Vintners of London, to Edward Bagshawe, citizen and vintner of London, of a messuage or tenement in Thames Street, late in the tenure and occupation of Nicholas Broke, fishmonger.

July 10. Dover. 21. Paul Ive to Walsyngham. Report on the state of the works at Dover Haven. The little sluice taken up, and Stickles offers to reconstruct it at a certain cost. Desires the men from Scarborough may be discharged.

July 12. 22. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Requests a supply of 20*l.* till letters be received from his master; to whom he intends to send a clear account of all his expenditure.

July 13. Lambeth. 23. John Scott to Walsyngham. His desire to make him acquainted with the whole state of the matter touching the dilapidations demanded of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. *Incloses,*

23. 1. *Certain reasons that move the executors of Archbishop Grindall to think they ought not to be so deeply charged for dilapidations, by the Archbishop that now is: offering* 250*l. in full satisfaction of all claims.*

July 14. London. 24. Tho. Smythe to same. Has sent 300*l.* to Sir Tho. Scott for the works at Dover.

July 14. Kibert. 25. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Thanks for his good and godly counsel. Money affairs. Has heard that he is to go into Wales; knows not what he shall do there, with no better stock of ore for melting. Hopes that his employers will not think he has not been careful in their service. Has received ten tons of sorted ore from Logan.

July 17. Exeter. 26. John Wolton, Bishop of Exeter, to Sir F. Walsyngham. Has collected the sum of 20*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* within the diocese of Exeter for the relief of Namptwich. Is sorry he could not collect more as the clergy had to contribute in a similar way for relief of Sampford Peverell in Devon, lately burnt.

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July 18. 27. Articles of agreement concluded between Rauf Barton, Esq., and Richard Shotylworth, serjeant-at-law, and Margery, his wife, for the full ending of all suits, controversies, estates and titles depending between them.

July 19. Charing Cross. 28. Sir Thos. Bromley, Lord Chancellor, to Walsyngham. Sends examinations of John Lee, Wm. Mylles, and Wm. Edwards. Suspects that the reports were circulated by Philips, Lord Cobham's man. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Memorandnm by William Gardyner that one Mr. Edwards, had told him of works spoken by one Lee, with reference to the murder of the Prince of Orange, that two would come over sea to do the like practice towards Her Majesty.*

28. II. *Examination of William Mylles, as to conversation with John Phillips, on the murder of the Prince of Orange, that two were coming from abroad to do the same to the Queen.*

28. III. *Examination of John Lee, of his talk with Wm Mylles about the death of the Prince of Orange, and execution of the murderer.*

July 21. London. 29. Tho. Bramley and Francis Berty to same. Report their proceedings towards settling the controversy between Dr. Nephns and Anthony Carler. Find the parties untractable, impatient, and intemperate men. Request to have a sight of Paul De la Haye's accounts.

July 21. London. 30. Richard Popynjay to same. Progress in building the long storehouse at Portsmouth. Desires a further supply of stone and timber, and a settlement of accounts. Difficulty of getting carriage during harvest.

July 21. Roche Court. 31. Francis Cotton to Burghley. Report on the state of the works in erecting the storehouse at Portsmouth. Details of expenditure. Requests payment of workmen's wages. *Incloses,*

31. I. *Estimate by John Brawne, a hellier, for heeling the storehouse, providing mortar, &c., for the sum of* 23*l.*

July 22. Perin Sands. Ulricke Frose to Tho. Smythe. Mr. Carnsewe has inspected the works at Perin Sands; they are at present 50 fathoms long under all the old works. He also has been to the copper mines at St. Ann's or Logan; good quality of the ore there. Money affairs. [*See June* 17, 1584.]

July 23. Nonsuch. Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Order not to keep a Justice seat in the Peak of Derby, until further directions. Is to defer his return to Court till the coming of the Lord Treasurer and Earl of Leicester. Death of Leicester's son. [*See July* 27, *No.* 35.]

July 24. Cuthbert parish. 32. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has read all the letters on the large offers made by Mr. Weston to the partners. Great expenses at Treworthie and Logan. Thinks Mr. Weston will overshoot himself far, and so will his man, Hans Hering, for getting ore for 15*s.* a

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ton. Money affairs. Robert Denham has sent for some of the rich lead ore out of Treworthie; they must tarry awhile till it can be got.

July 24. Ratton. 33. Nicholas Parker to Walsyngham. Had stayed about a fortnight ago one Sylvester Norris, a youth born at Milverton in Somerset, intending to pass over into France. His brother Richard Norris in the Marshalsea for papistry.

July 26. Sheffield. 34. The Earl of Shrewsbury to same. Transactions relative to the Commission to be held in the Peak Forest. Complains of the conduct of his wife and his son Gilbert Talbot. His wife had removed from Chatsworth, and carried off many things to the house of William Cavendish, her son, at Hardwick.

July 27. Sheffield Lodge. 35. Same to same. Had never signified any intention of holding a Justice seat in the Peak. Is sorry to hear of the death of the Earl of Leicester's son.

July 31. Cuthbert parish. 36. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has applied to the Receiver for money, but can have none. Has not 30*s.* left to pay the workmen with, till Mr. Weston comes. Blames the Receiver for refusing to advance him money.

July 31. 37. Earl of Leicester to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his kindness towards his poor wife, who is hardly dealt with. God only must help it with Her Majesty. Apologizes for their unceremonious visit to his Lordship's house at Theobalds, where they had been most hospitably received. Made some of his stags afraid, but killed none.

July 31. London. 38. Commission from Edward Earl of Lincoln, Lord High Admiral, to Sir Francis Drake and Carew Rawley, Esquire, for the apprehension of pirates, spoilers, malefactors, and robbers at sea.

July. 39. W. Wright to Burghley. Desires that the conditional assurance he holds may be confirmed. Difficulty in getting any one to receive the 600*l.* Had trusted 200*l.* of it to Alderman Barnham's son, who had since broken, and so it had been lost. His distress. Desires payment of the debt due to him by my Lord Viscount (Bindon) and his son Mr. Hen. Howard.

July. 40, 41. Petition of Nynyon Burbage to the Council;—against the Bishop of Durham for detaining the payment of his rents and fees. [*Two copies.*]

July. 42. A memorial of the order of proceeding in the musters upon the return of the certificates of the trained bands out of the several counties.

July. 43. Sir Tho. Stanhope, Sir John Byron, and others, to Walsyngham. Recommend the case of John Heaton, minister of Arnold, in the county of Nottingham, to his attention. That he was an honest and diligent minister, painfully preaching and instructing the country, but that he had got into difficulties through suretyship. Request for him the grant of the benefit of four recusants which he shall find out in the counties of Stafford and Derby.

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July. 44. Petition of Peter du Perrey, merchant stranger, to the Council. For restoration of a ship named the Bonadventure of Rochelle, driven on shore at Rostelye, and robbed and spoiled by the country people there.

July. 45. Secret information addressed to Sir F. Walsyngham, of the proceedings of Anthony Tunsted, brother of Robert Tunsted and brother-in-law of Godfrey Foljambe; his correspondence with Papists in England and connection with the conspirators for the liberation of the Scottish Queen; the names of persons and places expressed in cypher.

July. 46. Key to the cypher used in the above informations.

July. 47. Abstract of the collections raised in several towns and places for relief of the town of Namptwich.

Aug. 1. 48. A brief note of the charges bestowed upon Dover Harbour this summer to the 1st of August, the cost of weighing rocks, expenses of the sluice, the long wall, and the storehouse.

Aug. 1. Saltash. 49. John Froste to his mistress, Mrs. Englefield. Requests her to make some suit for his liberation, as he had been arrested and committed to Saltash prison, in Cornwall, on some one writing to Mr. Rawlye of his being there.

Aug. 2. Hardwick. 50. Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Complains of the hard usage of her husband towards her. Requests him to write to the Earl, as his letters would do more with him now, than any other person else living. The Earl seeks to take Chatsworth from her, and he has induced her son Harry Cavendish to deal most unnaturally with her.

Aug. 2. 51. Statement of the receipt and expenditure of the Exchequer from July 19 till August 2, 1584.

Aug. 2. Stratfieldsay. 52. Tho. Dabrigecort, sheriff of Hampshire to Walsyngham. Reports his proceedings in raising collections for the relief of the town of Namptwich.

Aug. 3. Saltash. 53. Mr. Edgecumbe and Richard Carew, of Antony, to same. They had arrested one John Froste, lately arrived from Spain, who stated that he had been sent to consult Sir Francis Englefyld on the affairs of Walter Rawleye, to whom they have written on the subject. *Inclosing,*

53. I. *The examination of John Froste, of Ensam, near Oxford, sent into Spain by direction of Robert Mawle, Walter Rawlye's servant, to Sir Francis Englefyld, to negotiate for the purchase of a manor.*

53. II. *Four papers:—John Grenway to Anie Sasye for books and other property. Malaga, 26 Nov.*, 1581.

53. III. *Instructions for Jo. Luce to procure shipping.*

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53. IV. *Robert Mawle to Martin White, a vintner at Plymouth, to procure a passage for the bearer to Spain.*
London, 10 April, 1584.

53 V. *Martin White to Richard Carew, sending Mawle's letter.*
Plymouth, 5 July.

Aug. 5. Gray's Inn. 54. Sir Francis Knollys to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires permission to alienate the manor of Stanford in favor of his sons. The Queen, reading the warrant, refused to sign it in the form presented to her by Walsyngham. Statement of his family affairs, leading to the proposed grant. The bill for Tho. Knollys has not been signed.

Aug. 5. Trewothgan. 55. Robert Tencreke to Wm. Carnsewe. Writes on behalf of Mrs. Daniell, of Truro, about some corn growing on land in dispute between her husband and Mr. Carnsewe.

Aug. 6. Lincoln's Inn. 56. Rauf Rokeby to Walsyngham (?) Has examined Marke Curle, prisoner in the Marshalsea for papistry, who was very willing to be restored to liberty on the conditions offered.

Aug. 6. Penheale. 57. Geo. Greynvyle and Sir Richard Greynvile to same. Excuse their delay in making collections for the relief of the town of Namptwich, in which they have done nothing, having been so much engaged in the musters. Commend Capt. Hoorde for his great care and industry in training the soldiers. *Incloses,*

57. I. *Account of the charges of re-edifying the quay and pier at Botreaux Castle in Cornwall, in four months ending the 6th of Aug. With a note by Sir Ric. Greynvile of the mode of executing the work, which might serve for example for Dover or Folkstone, whereof Capt. Hoorde could give more information.*

Aug. 6. Warwick. 58. The Justices of Warwickshire to same. Have of late been charged so many ways that they had not proceeded in the collection for the relief of Namptwich. Will now take order for that service.

Aug. 6. 59. Examinations touching an assault upon one Edwards, and the murder of Mr. Richard Cheyne's man, by Wm. Garland, Henry Younge, and one Brewer, in the town of Lewes, Sussex.

Aug. 8. Cuthbert Parish. 60. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Acknowledges the receipt of various sums of money, without which he must have suspended the works, which would have been a great loss, especially as to Treworthie. Approves of the stuff he has procured for melting the copper ore. Difficulties of the process of smelting the ores. The men have hit upon a good lode of lead ore. The water has burst in upon them so suddenly that the men barely escaped with their lives.

Aug. 9. Cuthbert Parish. 61. Same to same. The bearer, Basko (or Pasco) Winser requires repayment of the 5*l.* he had advanced. Wants more money himself.

Aug. 10. Southwell. 62. The Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical in the North to Burghley, Leicester, and Walsyngham. In favour of the bearer Anthony Darrell, who had for twelve years attended as Pursuivant upon the Ecclesiastical Commission at York.

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Aug. 12. Cuthbert Parish. 63. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has received his letters by Basko Winser. Solicits to be supplied with money, if Mr. Weston does not soon arrive, otherwise the works at Treworthie, water and all, must be stopped.

Aug. 13. Portsmouth. 64. Richard Popynjay to Burghley. Has given money to Francis Cotton for pay of the soldiers and pioneers. Charges of the works already completed at the new storehouse at Portsmouth. *Incloses,*

64. I. *A book of the charge for the long storehouse at Portsmouth, from the 13th of June to the 6th of Aug.*, 1584, *for land and water carriage of timber and stone, and for labourers' wages.*

Aug. 13. Wing. 65. Anth. Collie, Sheriff, and the Justices of the County of Rutland, to Walsyngham. Arrest of a Scottish priest at Glaston, without a passport, named George Douglas. *Inclosing*

65. I. *Examination of George Douglas, a Scottish priest from Edinburgh, arrested for travelling without a passport. His travels abroad, and being made a priest at Paris.*

Aug. 14. Rye. 66. The Mayor and Jurats of Rye to the Council. They had examined the suit between Symon Oxley of Newhaven, near Lewes, and Claude Lebreton, concerning a debt for which the latter was in prison at Rye.

Aug. 14. 67. Petition of Claude Lebreton to Walsyngham. Touching his suit with Symon Oxley; desires to be liberated from prison.

Aug. [14]. 68. The order to be taken for sending a supply of men into Ireland. Names of the counties in which they are to be levied, the number of men; names of the captains; places of embarkation, &c.

Aug. 14. 69. Estimate of the charge for every 100 soldiers to be levied and sent into Ireland, with a month's pay, coat and conduct money.

Aug. 14. 70. The Council to the Sheriffs in various counties. Directions to levy, arm, and equip a certain number of men in every county for the Queen's service in Ireland, to be ready for embarkation by the 10th day of September next.

Aug. 15. 71. Same to —— ——. Directions to levy a certain number of horsemen upon the Recusants within that county, to serve in Ireland, or to give an equivalent in money. Corrected by Burghley.

Aug. 15. 72. Fair copy of the above, with additional corrections by Burghley.

Aug. 16. Weilde Hall, in Essex. 73. Lord Chancellor Bromley to Walsyngham. Recommends Captain Woodhouse as a fit man to take charge of some part of the troops to be sent to Ireland.

Aug. 16. Oatlands. 74. The Queen to the Sheriffs of Middlesex. Directing them to furnish six horsemen for the service in Ireland; every one to be

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furnished with a good large and serviceable gelding, a light horseman's staff, a jack, a burganet, sleeves of mail, a case of pistoletts, or one and a cassock; or else to levy so much money as shall be sufficient for the furnishing of so many. [*Similar letters were sent to other counties.*]

Aug. 16. Rooche Court. 75. Francis Cotton to Burghley. Supplies required for finishing the works at the long storehouse at Portsmouth. His plan approved and thought very reasonable by Mr. Spycer.

Aug. 17. 76. An inventory indented of all the goods and chattels belonging to Tho. Lord Pagett of Bewdesert, which are in the county of Stafford, and now in the charge and custody of Tho. Gresley, Esq., sheriff, appraised by Francis Aston and others, with certain "horse fleshe" viewed and appraised in Bromley Park.

Aug. 17. 77. Rough notes of the Horsemen and Footmen to be levied in the several shires for the service in Ireland. Mostly in Burghley's hand.

Aug. 17. 78. Copy of the above, with alterations and additions.

Aug. 17. 79. Schedule for the Lord President of Wales of the men to be levied in the several Welsh counties for the service in Ireland.

Aug. 17. Oatlands. 80. The Council to the Gentlemen appointed Captains in the several shires, to take the charge and conduct of the men levied in their respective counties for Her Majesty's service in Ireland.

Aug. 17. Oatlands. 81. The Council's letters to the Sheriffs of the several shires, to provide that the horsemen levied for service in Ireland be properly furnished, or a composition in money to be made for the same at the rate of 20*l.* per horse.

82. Draft of the preceding.

Aug. 17. 83. Note of the money expended out of the 2,000*l.* received at the Exchequer on the 1st of April for the works at Dover Haven.

Aug. 18. Sheffield. 84. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. Complains of the misdemeanors and insolent behaviour of William Cavendish towards him, at Chatsworth.

Aug. 20. Cheynies. 85. Earl of Bedford to same. Desires the release of Edward Morgan, ranger of the Forest of Feckenham, committed for imprisoning two of Mr. Gilbert Littleton's men who had been detected stealing deer in that forest.

Aug. 20. 86. Certificate by the Officers of the Port of Maldon in Essex, touching entries for corn for one month past.

Aug. 20. Dublin Castle. 87. Sir John Perrot to Walsyngham. Desires his favourable aid in his suit against Morgan Phillips in the Star Chamber, who had destroyed and burnt the newly erected paling of his park at Laugharne.

Aug. 21. Cuthbert Parish. 88. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has received his letter and money, and is sorry to hear he is troubled with the cholic. Intends

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to write to his master, Mr. Smythe, for a supply of money for carrying on the works. The rainy weather has greatly hindered the men in their working. Hopes soon to overcome the water; the men work at it day and night. Value and quantity of the ore produced. Damage to the works at Logan by the waters.

Aug. 22. Cuthbert. 89. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has written to his master and the partners on the state of works, and that Mr. Weston is not yet come. Hopes he will also write and give his opinion on all that has been done. Sends a letter to be forwarded to Mr. Geo. Nedham.

Aug. 22. 90. Examination of sundry Pirates taken in the bark, late the pirate Charles Jones, before Sir Geo. Carey and others at Portsmouth.

Aug. 22. 91. An Inventory of the furniture and tackling of the ship of the pirate Charles Jones, taken at Portsmouth.

92, 93. Two other Inventories of the goods and furniture found on the ship of the late pirate, Charles Jones, the ship of which Henry Porter was captain: taken by Gilbert Yorke, captain of the Scout.

Aug. 22. 94. Examination of Robert Peper, sailor, taken in the pirate, of late in the hands of Henry Porter, belonging to one Richard Coke, of Chester, who was killed in the fight.

Aug. 23. 95. Robert Freston, comptroller, and Edmund Toolly, searcher, of Woodbridge, in Suffolk. Refer themselves for a certificate of the entries of corn, to the report of the Customer at Yarmouth.

Aug. 24. 96. Certificate from the Officers of the Port of Yarmouth of the entries of corn during the month last past.

Aug. 26. Ragland Castle. 97. William Earl of Worcester to Walsyngham. A note in favor of Mathew Lloid, the bearer, who had lived quietly and orderly in the country since his return from Ireland.

Aug. 26. Rooche Court. 98. Francis Cotton to Burghley. Has received the sum of 412*l.* for the works at Portsmouth. Mr. Popynjay will not undertake to execute the wall at the price set down by Mr. Spycer, who therefore intends to do it himself. *Incloses,*

98. 1. *An accompt of the whole receipts and expenditure for the storehouse at Portsmouth from the 26th of February to the 26th of August.*

Aug. 26. 99. Sir James Hales to Walsyngham. Had been prevented from assigning the number of men appointed to the charge of Mr. John Cobham, as order had previously been taken by the Sheriff and Commissioners for the Musters in Kent. If it had not been for the care of the Lord Treasurer and Walsyngham, my Lord of Dover, a

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worthy and sufficient man, would not have been placed in the Deanery of Christ Church. *Incloses,*

99. I. *Schedule of the men raised in the county of Kent, with the captains appointed to command them.*

Aug. 27. 100. Examination of Gyles de Montaigne, Frenchman, taken in the Lady Gilbert's house in Redcross Street. Had employment as a French teacher, and had frequented the French church in London.

Aug. 27. Gloucester. 101. The Sheriff and Justices of Peace in Gloucestershire to Walsyngham. Have taken order for the transmission of the sum of 56*l.* 6*s.* for the relief of the town of Namptwich.

Aug. 27. 102. Certificate of Tho. Banckes, deputy of Alderman Martin, for the search of certain places in the city, and of the persons or books found in the several houses. In the house of John Spede, in "Powles churche yarde were found 7 bokes tending unto papistry."

Aug. 27. 103. Certificate of the places searched by William Masham, one of the sheriffs of London, by order of the Lord Mayor, for the discovery of Papists. Found the Earl of Kildare and his family living in Lady Ratcliffe's house, in Little St. Bartholomew's. *Incloses,*

103. I., II. *Two letters of Anne White to her son William Fowlar, dwelling in Cornhill, taken in the search made by Sheriff Masham.*

Aug. 27. 104. Certificate of Alderman Buckle, Sergeant Mylles, Mr. Cure, and Mr. Bates, for the search of certain persons and houses in St. Mary Overies Close, London Bridge, and other places in the city.

Aug. 27. 105. Certain articles found in Mr. Browne's house by Alderman Buckle and others, in their search. The practices and modes of living of notorious Papists remaining here in London, and certain places near about the same.

Aug. 27. 106. Certificate of the persons found in certain houses in Alderman Buckle's search.

Aug. 27. 107. Certificate of the houses searched by R. Rokeby, the master of St. Catherine's, in Tower Hill and the Minories.

Aug. 27. 108. Mr. Yonge's certificate of his search in Papists' houses at Clerkenwell.

Aug. 27. 109. Alderman William Rowe's certificate of his search in suspected places and houses, in West Smithfield and other places committed to him.

Aug. 27. 110. Note of persons and certain chests found in houses in Alderman Rowe's search.

Aug. 27. 111. Certificate of Mr. Sheriff Spencer's search in Holborn and the places adjoining, committed to him by Mr. Owen. Popish relics found in the house of Robert Holme, *alias* Fynche, a Jesuit priest; letters and papers found in Arden Waferer's house in Chancery Lane.

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Aug. 27. 112. Certificate of Messrs. Topclyffe, Fuller, and Sherrington, of their search in certain places committed to them.

Aug. 27. 113. Report of the search made at Hoggesden [Hoxton?] by order from Her Majesty and the Council, by Mr. Justice Smith and others, for the apprehension of priests and Papists. Inmates in Sir Thomas Tresame's house, popish relics, and papistical books. Relics and books found in other houses.

Aug. 27. 114. Certificate by Alderman John Harte of his search made in Fleet Street and streets adjacent. Can learn nothing of Barnaby Bishop.

Aug. 27. 115. Alderman Barne's certificate of his search in the places committed to him. In Bedlam was found Francis Vere and Thos. Baskervile.

Aug. 28. Founthill. 116. Lady Lucya Audeley to her sister Mrs. Bowrne. Nature moves her to desire to know of her sister's well doing. Hopes she will write a few lines to let her well-wishing friends know of her circumstances, and offers her home to use as her own.

Aug. 29. 117. Copy of a letter from the Jesuit Tho. Darbishier to another English Jesuit at Avignon. Hopes for his success. Progress of Henry Bayly's studies. Robert Persons, the associate of Campion, was staying with them. Dated at Paris the 13th of August, and the original sent to Mr. Secretary on the 29th of that month.

Aug. 30. Paris. 118. Robert Cecill to Dr. Parry. Gives his opinion of Paris; is quite pleased with the country, and has been well received by all persons of quality. Has been daily at the Sorbonne, and heard the disputations. Assures him of Wm. Cecill's friendship.

Aug. 31. 119. Note of the examination of William Hill, servant to Mr. William Dawtrie of Sussex, lodged at Roger Smith's house in Holborn.

Aug. 31. 120. Note of the examination of George Pickard, servant to Martin Smyth, son of Roger Smyth.

Aug. 121. Collections relative to the Mint, touching the coinage and value of moneys.

Aug. 122. Rate of prices of the munition and furniture provided for Her Majesty's service in Ireland, to be safely delivered at Bristol; with certificate of the number of calivers in store.

Aug. 123. Statement of the 2,000 men levied in Norfolk, to be reduced into bands, with the names of the captains appointed to command them; together with a note of the amount of money to be collected for the charge of powder, match, and lead, within every Hundred in the said county.

Aug. 124. Brief notes of Sir John Perrot's dealing in the country before his going over into Ireland. His arbitrary conduct in levying men and horses for Ireland, distressing tenants, pressing men on juries, &c.

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1584. Aug.? 125. Names of such gentlemen as have charge or pension in Ireland; of those that have charge in Berwick; and of martial men dispersed in divers counties.

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1584. Sept. 2. Portsmouth. 1. Richard Popynjay to Lord Burghley. Justifies himself from Mr. Cotton's ill report of him. His reasons for not undertaking to erect the wall for the storehouse at Portsmouth, which he has resigned to Mr. Spycer. Has ordered the cisterns for Lord Burghley to be shipped and sent to him. *Incloses,*

1. i. *Plan by William Spycer of the wall and new works at Portsmouth.*

Sept. 3. 2, 3. The examination of two Scotch priests named William Creychton and Patrick Addie taken on board a ship coming from Dieppe. [Two copies.]

Sept. 3. 4. Substance of the discourse in Italian found about Creychton, the Scottish Jesuit, taken on the seas on his way to Scotland; relative to the plot for the establishing of the Romish religion, and liberating the Queen of Scots, being part of the same enterprise whereunto Throkmarton and Charles Paget were privy.

Sept. 3. 5. Extracts from the Italian discourse found about Creychton.

Sept. 3. London. 6. Dr. Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In answer to the complaint of M. Joyeuze made to the English Ambassador in France of the piracies committed by Englishmen upon French merchants. Great increase of French pirates on the seas. Particulars of the case of Peter Chaumbellain and his company, French merchants, against Count Hellebourg and John Callis, pirates.

Sept. 5. Cuthbert Parish. 7. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Have sunk down upon the ore at Treworthie about 12 fathoms from the deep shaft. The water continues troublesome, and unless they light upon some rich silver ore it will not repay the charges. The ore continues plentiful at Logan. Basko Winser wants his money.

Sept. 7. Oatlands. 8. Robert Beale, Clerk of the Council, to Walsyngham. Her Majesty has signed the letter to Sir Edw. Stafford, with which she wished the French Ambassador to be made acquainted, and to inform him that she was unwilling to grant a passport to Lord Seaton because he had been a supporter of her disaffected subjects. Directions to write to the Duke de Mompensier and the States, concerning the Prince of Orange's daughters, and for examination of Creychton the Jesuit. The Queen is inclined to make more Councillors, especially Sir Amias Paulett.

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Sept. 7. Yarmouth. 9. The Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Council. Complaining of the depredations committed by the French and Scottish pirates; lamentable case of Austen Perse, spoiled by a French pirate.

Sept. 9. 10. Sir Wm. Herbert and other Justices of Peace, to Walsyngham. In favor of Matthew Lloyde, who ever since his arrival from Ireland has been of honest demeanor and usage.

Sepe. 10. Dover. 11. John Hill to same. Report on the progress of the works at Dover. Mr. Stickelles has weighed but few rocks; a severe storm has tried Paul Ive's new jetty; another jetty is in hand. A new sort of stone discovered.

Sept. 12. Howard House. 12. Anne Countess of Arundell to same. Thanks for his influence with Her Majesty in procuring her restoration to liberty.

Sept. 12. Cuthbert Parish. 13. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Has paid Basko Winser his money. Works at Treworthie, where they do not find so much ore as they thought. Sends various specimens of the ore, none of them rich in silver. Number of workmen employed. Marvels at Mr. Weston's delay.

Sept. 14. London. 14. Nicholas Fante to Walsyngham. Gives full particulars of the examination of Creychton the Jesuit. His refusal at first to sign his confession. His correspondence with Cardinal Savello at Rome and with Standen at Florence. His ill opinion of Lord Seaton.

Sept. 14. Lambeth. 15. The Archbishop Whitgyfte to Lord Burghley. At the consecration of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, he spoke to the Bishop of Rochester touching his removal to Chichester. Urges the necessity of filling up the vacant bishoprics. Hopes the stirs in Trinity College, Cambridge, will soon be compounded. Desires that a fit man may be chosen for the Mastership of the Temple.

Sept. 16. Cuthbert. 16. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Received letters and money by Mr. Matt. Carnsewe; but the amount of money is not sufficient to go on with, at Treworthie. Logan is not so good as it has been. Blames Weston.

Sept. 17. Cobham Hall. 17. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. The Council's letters to the States of Zealand and Holland were unavailing to procure any satisfaction for the losses sustained by the merchants of Sandwich. Without some assistance the Mayor and Tho. Nowell and others would be ruined.

Sept. 18. Dover. 18. John Hill to same. Has sent five specimens of the new stone for examination. Diligence of Paul Ive to finish his jetty. Rate of wages to be given to him and to Stickelles.

Sept. 18. 19. Writ of George Greynvile, sheriff of Cornwall, directed to the Bailiffs of the Hundreds of Trigg and Powder, and to John Carnsewe, to seize the goods and chattels of John and Joan Daniell, for payment of money due to Thomasine Morfeld. Latin.

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Sept. 18. 20. Note of the grant made by Her Majesty to the Mayor, Constables, and Society of the Staple, and their successors.

Sept. 19. Roche Court. 21. Francis Cotton to Lord Burghley. Has dealt with Mr. Spycer for a reduction in the prices of stone. Progress of the works at the storehouse at Portsmouth. Money required. The cisterns for Lord Burghley ready to be shipped.

Sept. 21. York. 22. Earl of Huntingdon to Lord Burghley (?) Desires his good offices in behalf of his nephew, Tho. Clynton, that the affair may be proceeded in before the death of this young man's grandfather. If God puts liking in the hearts of the young parties, he hopes it will be well settled while the old Lord [Clynton] liveth.

Sept. 21. 23. The report of David Jenkin, messenger of the chamber, concerning a warrant which he received under the hand of Mr. Secretary, to arrest one Strange, servant to Mr. Gilbert Littleton, who detained the messenger's warrant.

Sept. 22. 24. Examination of Edward Aston and others, keepers of Her Majesty's Forest of Feckenham, touching the unlawful hunting of deer by Mr. George Littleton's servants in the said forest.

Sept. 23. 25. Declaration by John Spencer, sheriff of London, of the misdemeanors committed by Arthur Bassano and other Her Majesty's musicians, at the muring up of a way and gate at a place called Creechurch, Aldgate, pretended to be privileged. Their violence and insolence towards the Recorder of London.

Sept. 25. Chester. 26. Sir Hugh Cholmondeley and others to Walsyngham. Some matters of importance had been discovered on the examination of Joan Morley, *alias* Mathew, now prisoner in the Castle of Chester on suspicion of felony, and late servant to the Lady Throckmerton. *Inclosing,*

26. I. *Examination of Joan Morley, alias Mathew, touching the friends and acquaintances of Sir John and Lady Throckmerton. His servant Morgan, alias Jones, sent to Rome to be made a priest, who had returned with some of the hair of the Virgin and bones of martyrs. Lady Throckmerton's casuistry.*

Sept. 25. Dover. 27. John Hill to same. The opinion of John Symans, Robert Stickelles, and Geo. Starr, touching the construction of the works at Dover Haven. Progress of the jetties raised by Stickelles and Ive. *Incloses,*

27. I. *Certain questions demanded of John Symans, Robt. Stickelles, and George Starr, relative to the materials and construction of the jetties at Dover Haven; with their answers to the same.*

Sept. 25. London. 28. Edward Osborne, Lord Mayor of London, to same. Reports on the matter in controversy between Mr. John Hastings and the Clothiers of Essex, touching the infringement of his patent for the making of frisadoes.

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Sept. 26. Clay Hall, in Essex. 29. Tho. Powle to the Council. Has examined William Forest, a thatcher, touching certain seditious words said to have been uttered by him in presence of Robert Debney. *Incloses,*

29. I. *Examination of William Forest taken at the Marshalsea. His conversion to popery by his master, Austen Belson.*

Sept. 28. 30. Orders appointed by the Queen's Majesty for the Custom House in the port of London.

Sept. 28. 31. Fair copy of the above, with additional items by Lord Burghley, and indorsed by him "*A bill delyvered to me by y^e^ Q. Majesty at Otlandes on Satyrday at night, being the* 26 *of September.*"

Sept. 29. Account of Charles Boothe, Receiver General of Fines, &c., in the Principality of Wales, for the year ending Michaelmas, anno R. R. Eliz. 26°. Latin. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 2.]

Sept. 29. 32. Certificate of the number of demi-lances and light horse, furnished for the North Division of the county of Devon, by Sir Arthur Basset and Sir John Chechester.

Sept. 30. 33. Certificate of the rates of gentlemen and others for demi-lances and light horse furnished by four Hundreds within the South Division of the county of Devon; taken by Sir Francis Drake and Gawen Champernowne, Esq.

Sept. 30. 34. Names of those which are increased in the above Hundreds.

Sept. 30. 35. Certificate of the demi-lances and light horse in four other Hundreds in the South Division of Devon; by Lord Edward Seymour and Sir John Gilberte.

Sept. 30. 36. Certificate of the rates of gentlemen and others for demi-lances and light horse within five other Hundreds in the South Division of Devon; by Thomas Southcote and George Cary, Esqs.

Sept. 37. Certificate of persons charged with demi-lances and light horse within nine Hundreds in the East Division of Devon; by Sir William Courteney and Sir Robert Denys.

Sept. 38. An estimate of the receipt of the Customs outwards and inwards in the ports of Hampshire, Dorset, and Devon. With a clause for employments, "which must be considered of in your honour's grant."

Sept. 39. Statement by George Fenners of the surprisal and taking away of his ship lying in Newhaven (France), and ill treatment of the remainder of the crew till they were set ashore in the North of England.

Sept. 40. Names of the persons who did not appear at the musters of horsemen in Surrey.

Sept. 41. Estimate of the charges of training and furnishing 600 soldiers for six days.

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1584. Sept. 42. State of the case in law touching the lease of the Manor of Eybury [Highbury?], co. Middlesex, demised by the Queen to William Gibbes, Esq., for the term of 31 years from Michaelmas 1584, and assigned by him to William Whashe. Many subsequent assignments down to Cuthbert Lyne.

Sept.? 43. Petition of Christopher Kervyle to the Council. Prays for their letters to Sir Wm. Haydon, Mr. Nich. Bacon, Richard Clarke, mayor of Lynn, and others, to procure certain evidences, leases, and other writings wrongfully detained from him by John Baxster, William Parke, and John Prentis.

Oct. 1. 44. Account of money lent to certain citizens of London, and of the amount repaid; being 31,619*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, whereof has been paid 12,647*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Oct. 1. 45. Copy of the Information given by Richard Morley and Joan Mathew against Mr. Hugh Throkmerton and Robt. Cotman. The sending of Morgan, *alias* Jones, to Rome by Lady Throkmerton. Celebration of mass in Cotman's house.

Oct. 2. Dover. 46. John Hill to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. The works at Dover have been impeded by the falling away of the timber at the end of the Black Bulwark, by the back swell of the sea in a strong northwester. Refers to the former answers of Symons, Stickelles, and Starr.

Oct. 3. London. 47. John Spencer, Sheriff of London, to same. Details the circumstances under which Arthur Bassano and other Her Majesty's musicians had been committed to custody. Will attend the Council, as ordered, on Thursday next. *Incloses,*

47. I. *Declaration by Mr. Sheriff Spencer, of the insolence and opprobrious language of Arthur Bassano and his fellows, to himself and the Recorder of London, and obstructing their officers while muring up the way and gate at Creechurch, Aldgate.*

Oct. 3. Southampton. 48. John Crooke, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Southampton to same. Desire that they may have a separate commission for the mustering of their town, according to their ancient privileges.

Oct. 3. Tower. 49. Sir Owyn Hopton to same. Sends all that is written by Patrick Addie, late servant to the Bishop of Ross. Mr. Stoner, sometime servant to the Earl of Leicester, has arrived in London from the Court of Spain. *Incloses,*

49. I. *The confession of Patrick Addie, the Scottish priest, touching the contents of the "poinson" (a puncheon or barrel) sent by the Bishop of Ross, which were principally books and genealogies, in Latin and English, designed for several noblemen and gentlemen in Scotland.*

Oct. 4. 50-54. Five certificates of goods shipped on board the Unicorn of Plymouth; Lisle Cave, collector; Clement Calthrop, comptroller.

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Oct. 4? 55–58. Four bills of lading of goods shipped on board the Bonaventure of Lee, John Bonner master, the Grace of God of Exeter, Thos. Redwood master; the Minion of Bristol, William Freekes master; and the Faukon of Bristol, James Caige master.

Oct. 5. Portsmouth. 59. William Spyser to Lord Burghley. Has been prevented by sickness from attending his lordship. The works at Portsmouth are proceeding successfully. Great want of a supply of stone.

Oct. 6. Barn-Elms. 60. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Mr. William Davison. Sends him the heads of a letter to Mr. Mason, viz.,—that his letters were welcome to such Catholics to whom the same were imparted. Report that the Earl of Westmoreland had gone to Scotland. The King of Scots it is supposed would become catholic; but his proposed marriage with the daughter of the king of Spain goes not forward. To give information of the Spanish King's forces.

Oct. 8. 61. The deposition of Henry Cæsar, minister of Lostwithiell, touching the report of the appearance of Cardinal Pole to Sir Walter Mildmay after death, by conjuration; taken before Richard Carew, of Antony, and others.

Oct. 8. Winchester. 62. "The Bishop of Winchester's declaration touching sundry "things pertaining to the state of Hampshire." Distribution of the money for the poor. Expenses for the building and repair of the House of Correction. Abuses in the House of Correction. General orders given by Tho. Bishop of Winchester and other Justices of Peace for the direction of the same.

Oct. 9. 63. A testimonial of the credit and behaviour of William Webbe, of Liddiard Millicent, co. Wilts, Mr. John Crippes, parson of Liddiard Millicent, and others of the same parish. The said Webbe being a very honest man, and Mr. Crippes, the parson, an envious, malicious, and troublesome person.

Oct. 9. 64. Examination of Ralph Myller, prisoner in Bridewell, taken before Richard Young, giving information of the names and abodes of the English recusants in France. Names of the Papists resident in Rouen. Celebration of mass at Lord Vaux's house.

Oct. 10. 65. Reasons by Lord Burghley (logically stated) to move Her Majesty, for her own safety, to maintain the countries of Holland and Zealand from the possession of the King of Spain. The Queen of England is bound by God's law to defend herself and her realm against the King of Spain. Ill feelings and acts of King Philip against England.

Oct. 10. 66. "The principal matters wherewith the King of Spain is to be "charged of ill dealing towards Her Majesty."

Oct. 10. Exeter. 67. Sir William Courteney and others, Justices of Devonshire, to Walsyngham. They have collected and sent up the sum of 35*l.* for the relief of Namptwich, and would forward what more they might be able to collect.

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Oct. 10. Dover. 68. John Hill to Walsyngham. Progress of the works at Dover Haven. Has nominated either William Garrard or Aaron Windebank to be his deputy. A piece of rustic stone work at Rye might be a model for Dover.

Oct. 10. 69. Orders prescribed by Queen Elizabeth on the 29th of September for the direction of the officers of the Custom House in the port of London. Indorsed by Burghley "10 *Octob.* 1584, *A new bill for y^e^ orders in y^e^ Custõ House delyvered at Hampton Court.*"

Oct. 11. Hampton Court. 70. Walsyngham to Wm. Davison. Her Majesty is minded to use his services in Holland, and desires him to repair forthwith to Court to receive directions.

Oct 11. Ingestrie House. 71. John Chetwind to Walsyngham. Examination of Dorothy Marchant as to the speeches uttered by Jeffrey Leeche, against whom an indictment had been preferred. *Incloses,*

71. I. *The deposition of Dorothy Marchant concerning Jeffrey Leeche, who had an image in his house, which he wished her to worship, and declared the Queen would not live half a year.*

Oct. 12. Savoy. 72. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Desires restoration of the paper containing M. Segur's negotiation. Has been much pleased with a book in which he found "The confederation of the "nobility of the Low Countries against the Inquisition in anno "1568." Advises him to see it.

Oct. 12. Lincoln's Inn. 73. Ralph Rokeby to same. Has taken the examination of Richard Cliborne, but could learn nothing of any importance from him, except that he was a recusant, without either learning or knowledge, and carried away with a blind zeal to favour and hold with the Romish Church. He has been often indicted, and is aged and sickly.

Oct. 15. Rouen. 74. W. Ray to ———. Sends his hearty commendation to Ed. ———, from whom he much desires to hear. That he would be sure to repay a person named some money he owes him. [1584?].

Oct. 15. Powles. 75. Anthony Higgons to Gabriel Pulteney, at Knowle. Has made a copy of Palmer's lease. Knows nothing of any advowson granted by him to Edward Waldon, who has taken no benefit thereby since the death of Parson Slack. Spoil made upon his inheritance by Palmer.

Oct. 17. My poor house of Stow. 76. Sir Ric. Greynvile to Walsyngham. Sends a further sum of 20*l.* for the relief of Namptwich. The country generally complain of the great burthens laid upon them.

Oct. 17. Dover. 77. John Hill to same. The progress of the works at Dover Haven has been impeded by the unseasonableness of the weather;

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time consumed in repairing the injuries sustained. Sinking of the wall at the Little Pent called Paradise, and part of the cross wall at the great sluice.

Oct. 19. Newark. 78. Earl of Rutland to Walsyngham. Has stayed a man called Vavasour, who called himself Walsyngham's servant and showed a warrant surreptitiously obtained, and pretended to have been robbed of his horse; all being untrue. *Incloses,*

78. I. *Warrant addressed to Sir John Spencer, High Sheriff of Northampton, to assist the bearer William Vavasour in arresting William Parsons, a Jesuit, and all others his confederates.* *September* 26, 1584.

78. II. *Examination of Roger Amon, alias Vavasour. Details the course of his life for the last five years. His services in causing the arrest of Holt, alias Brearton, a Jesuit, in Scotland. His employment in France under the name of William Vavasour. His arrest and torture at Arras, his arrival in England and arrest at Winchester.*

78. III. *The confession of Roger Amon, alias Vavasour, from the time of his release from Winchester. His obtaining a warrant from Mr. Cave for the assumed purpose of arresting William Parsons or any other Papists; and pretended robbery of his horse.* *October* 18, 1584.

Oct. 19? 79. Petition of Richard Topcliffe to the Queen; praying that the controversy between him and the Lord Chief Justice, Sir Christopher Wray, for the lease of the Prebend of Corringham and Stowe, may be referred to the Privy Council.

Oct. 19. 80. Answer of Mr. Topclyffe to the letter sent by the Lord Chief Justice, dated the 16th of Oct. Renewal of Topclyffe's suit for stay of certain corn not to be thrashed. Corrupt attempt of the Lord Chief Justice to try the cause himself in which he was a party. Antiquity of Topclyffe's family in Lincolnshire, "when his Lordship's "grandfather served the Lord Conyers as a morrow mass priest, and "vicar of East Wytton."

Oct. 19. 81. The Instrument of an Association for preservation of the Queen's Majesty's Royal Person. The original minute, corrected by Mr. Secretary Walsyngham. The first minute. [*See further, Vol.* CLXXIV.]

Oct. 19. 82. Copy of the above, with very considerable alterations and additions.

Oct. 19. 83. Another copy with corrections in Walsyngham's hand, as finally settled.

Oct. 19. 84. Another copy, indorsed by Thomas Phelippes.

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Oct. 19. His house in the Strand. 85. Burghley to —— ——. Desires to know his opinion of the expediency of issuing copies of the Instrument of Association for the preservation of Her Majesty, for distribution to such persons as may desire the same.

Oct. 20. The Court. 86. Walsyngham to Burghley. Concurs with him in opinion that copies of the Instrument of Association should be distributed. The more public the matter is made, the better effect it is like to work. The Queen intends to remove to St. James's. Troubles on the borders of the Middle Marches. Sir John Foster displeased at not being allowed to meet the opposite Warden.

Oct. [20]. Hampton Court. 87. Mr. Secretary Walsyngham to [the Lord Lieutenant in every shire ?]. Informs him the Lords of the Privy Council had entered into an Association for the preservation of the Queen's Person, and urging him to induce the gentry of his county to execute a similar Instrument of Association, and for that purpose sends him two copies of the Instrument, one when signed and sealed to be transmitted to the Council, the other to remain under the custody of the Custos Rotulorum of the county.

Oct. [20]. 88. Copy of the above: with considerable alterations in Walsyngham's hand.

Oct. 20. Christchurch. 89. Pancheridge Genge, Mayor of Christchurch, to Walsyngham. Is sorry they cannot gratify him with the nomination of one of the burgesses of their borough: the nomination of one belonging of ancient right to the Earl of Huntingdon, and the other had been already elected, in the person of Mr. John Evans, a gentleman zealous in religion and otherwise of sufficiency for the place.

Oct. 22. London. 90. Dr. Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to same. In answer to the complaint of depredations committed by English pirates on merchants of Aberdeen, suggests that all cases of piracy should be dealt with by the Lord High Admiral, or to his Deputy Judge of the Admiralty, and that his powers should be amplified accordingly.

Oct. 24. College at Westminster. 91. Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster, and Ralph Rokeby, Master of St. Katherine's, to the Council. Their proceedings in examination of the complaint of the Lord Mayor against the Woodmongers, and have found great corruption and seeking of private gain among the latter. *Inclosing,*

91. 1. *Statement of the ancient order taken by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen with the Woodmongers for the provision of wood for London.*

Oct. 25. 92. Examination of William Harmewood of the city of Chichester, taken on his return from France, before Henry Blaxton, chancellor of Chichester, relative to the shipment of four persons for England in George Fenner's ship, and the stealing of that ship from Fenner, and setting the crew ashore in the north of England.

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Oct. 25. Dover. 93. John Hill to Walsyngham. Report on the progress of the works at Dover Haven. Requests that the sum of 200*l.* may be sent to Dover to meet the expenses. Young Mr. Pett is desirous to purchase a lighter used in the works. The works have well stood the late storms.

Oct. 29. 94. Sir Chr. Hatton to Burghley. Illness of Her Majesty through eating, for breakfast, a confection of barley sodden with sugar and water, and made exceeding thick with bread. Recommends the feast of All Saints to be the day selected for the Great Office, and that he should attend early to work the delivery of the staff. [*The "Great Office" here alluded to was probably that of Lord Steward of the Household, which was conferred on the Earl of Leicester. In the lists of Lord Stewards, as given by Beatson and Haydn, Leicester is stated to have succeeded William Earl of Pembroke in* 1570; *but it seems the office was vacant from that time till this appointment in* 1584. *Leicester's name first occurs as Lord Steward in the Lords' Journals on the* 26*th of Nov.* 1584.]

Oct. 31. Stowe. 95. Sir Ric. Greynvile to Walsyngham. States his opinion that chalk cannot be judiciously used in conjunction with stone, for the works now in hand at Dover Harbour. Answers to the questions of Symons, Stickelles, and Starr. *Inclosing,*

95. I. *Certain questions demanded of Mr. John Symons, Robert Stickelles and George Starr, relative to the combination of chalk with stone in the masonry works at Dover. With their answers to the same.*

95. II. *The advice of Sir Ric. Greynvile how chalk is to be used with hard stone, and the reforming of some errors in the plot, and description set down by Symons, Stickelles, and Starr.*

95. III. *Sir Ric. Greynvile's advice for a pier to be made at Dover combining chalk with stone; with a well executed drawing of the masonry.*

Oct. 31. London. 96. Opinion and advice (in great detail) of Humphrey Bradley, the Dutch engineer, touching the construction of the works at Dover Harbour.

Oct.? 97. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay 500*l.* to such person and for such purposes as the Queen has declared to Sec. Sir Francis Walsyngham.

Oct.? Oatlands. 98 The Queen to the Lieutenants of Counties (?). Has been much pleased with the diligence the captains of the trained bands have shown in that service and directs her thanks to be given to them.

[Oct.] 99. Abstract of the certificates returned out of the several shires by the muster masters, of the men trained in the year 1584; with the names of the captains appointed to command them.

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[Oct.] 100. Another abstract from the certificates of men trained in several shires: included in the above.

[Oct.] 101. Abstract of the number of untrained men in several shires, certified in anno 1584.

Oct.? 102. Schedule of the numbers of Lances and Light Horsemen mustered in the several counties; and of the numbers in places exempt by charter.

Oct.? 103. State of the cause between Sir John Perrott and Morgan Phillips: riotous destruction of paling on the lands of Sir John Perrot, by Phillips and his people.

Oct.? 104. Information of words spoken by a Friar in Dunkirk, that if the Queen were once dispatched and gone, then all Christendom would be in peace and quietness. Example of the murder of the Prince of Orange by the Burgundians. Another Burgundian will not be wanting to kill that wicked woman.

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A Volume containing a collection of Original Instruments of Association for Defence of the Queen, viz.:—

1. The Instrument of an Association for the Preservation of Her Majesty's Royal Person, by the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council, binding themselves under a vow and promise before the Majesty of Almighty God, with their whole powers, bodies, lives, lands, and goods, and with their children and servants, faithfully to serve and obey the Queen, and to defend her against all Estates, Dignities, and earthly Powers whatsoever, and to pursue to utter extermination all that shall attempt by any act, counsel, or consent to anything that shall tend to the harm of Her Majesty's Royal Person, or claim succession to the Crown by the untimely death of Her Majesty; vowing and protesting in the presence of the Eternal and Everliving God to prosecute such persons to the death. Dated at Hampton Court on the 19th October 1584. Signed and sealed by thirteen of the Privy Council then present.

2. Similar Instrument of Association for the Clergy. Dated at the same time and place, and signed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, nine Bishops of the province of Canterbury, Dean Goodman, Dean Nowell, and a great many other of the clergy present. Dated at Hampton Court, October 19, 1584.

3. Similar Instrument of Association, by dignified Clergy of the province of Canterbury, numerously signed and sealed. Dated at Hampton Court, 19th October 1584.

4. Duplicate of the above.

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5. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Cornwall. Signed and sealed by Thomas Cosowarthe, Sir Richard Greynvile, Sir William Mohun, Sir Francis Godolphin, and very many others of the gentry of the county.

6. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Devon. Signed and sealed by Lord Edward Seymour, Sir John Gilberte, Sir Francis Drake, and numerous others.

7. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Dorset. Signed and sealed by Henry Earl of Pembroke, Sir John Horsey, Sir Henry Asheley, Sir Richard Rogers, and numerous others; together with the principal personages in the towns of Lyme Regis, Blandford, and Weymouth.

8. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Hertford. Numerously signed and sealed, under the arrangement of Hundreds. Dated the 25th of November 1584.

9. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Somerset. Signed and sealed by Sir Thomas Poulet, Sir Amias Poulet, Sir John Sydenham, Sir John Clyfton, Sir Henry Portman, John Popham Attorney General, and many others. Dated at Hampton Court the 19th of October 1584.

10. Similar Instrument of Association for the town of Ludlow, co. Salop. Signed by H. Touneshend, Recorder, Thomas Canland and Richard Brazier, bailiffs, Ro. Touneshend, and fourteen others.

11. Similar Instrument of Association for the city of Worcester. Signed and sealed by above two hundred persons.

12. List of names of the Gentlemen and others of Kent who signed at various times and places in that county, the Instrument of Association.

13. The names of the principal Freeholders and Farmers within Richmondshire, in the North Riding of the county of York, that have sealed, subscribed, and sworn to perform the contents of the Instrument of Association for the preservation of Her Majesty's Person. [*Probably transmitted by the Earl of Huntingdon, from York, 22d December. See Borders of that date.*]

14. The Instrument of Association for preservation of the Queen's Majesty's Royal Person, for the county of Cardigan. Signed and sealed by Richard Pryse de Gogerthan, Morgan Lloyd, Sheriff of Cardigan, Richard Phillips, Mayor of Aberystwith, and many others.

15. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Flint. Signed and sealed by William Hughes, Bishop of St. Asaph, Sir John Conway, Sheriff, Roger Puleston, W. Moston, Pyers Mostyn, and a very great number of the principal persons of the county.

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16. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Monmouth. Signed and sealed by Henry Earl of Pembroke, William Blethyn, Bishop of Llandaff, many of the names of Morgan, Herbert, &c.

17. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Pembroke. Signed and sealed by Robert Earl of Essex, John Ellyott, Sheriff, George Devereux, Tho. Perron, and very numerously by other persons.

18. Similar Instrument of Association for the county of Carnarvon. Signed and sealed by many persons; but from decay many of the signatures are obscure. Several occur of the names of Glynne, Williams, Griffyths, &c.

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Nov. 3. Assignment by Richard Kynge to Thomas Ellyot of the lease of a corner tenement and shop at Billingsgate in the parish of St. Mary at Hill. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 3.]

Nov. [3.] 1. William Ormeshawe to the Council. States the substance of the controversy between him and Mr. Tho. Radcliff, for a matter of debt. Ill conduct and abusive language of Radcliff. Efforts of Mr. Edward Radcliff to reconcile them.

Nov. 6. Lambeth. 2. Dr. Richard Bancrofte to Sir Chr. Hatton. Returned his notes, and the Archbishop of Canterbury desires him to say that he never received message more to his liking. His Grace is glad the notes prove so frivolous.

Nov. 6. Dover. 3. Aaron Windebank to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. All things are in good state as Mr. Hill left them. Complains of the mutinous conduct of some of the worst men sent to him by the Mayor of Dover; particularly two named John Harte and Thomas Woode.

Nov. 6. Northwich. 4. Earl of Derby to the Earl of Leicester. He found all the gentlemen of Lancashire most ready and willing to join the "Association for the defence of Her Majesty's person." He himself most reverently upon his knees, bare headed in the church, took his oath first, ministered unto him by the Bishop of Chester; and so to the rest, six at a time. The gentlemen of Cheshire, with the same zeal and cheerfulness, joined the Association.

Nov. 10. 5. William Shelley to Walsyngham. Thanks for his special grace in this his great distress. Craves the continuance of his favor towards him to relieve him out of these his miseries. Laments his past negligence.

Nov. 11. Doctors' Commons. 6. The Doctors of the Arches Court to the Earl of Leicester. Testimonial in favor of Mr. Barker for the Registership of the Court of Delegates.

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Nov. 13. Berwick. 7. Sir Edward Hoby to Lord Burghley. Desires that his attendance at the Court may be excused as he was suffering much from the ague, without it was for the matter contained in the King of Scot's letters. By Mr. Secretary's enmity towards him, he thinks the matter only relates to the affairs between him and Lady Gilbert. Describes his domestic and private troubles, in which he had rather Mr. Raleigh should be a dealer than Mr. Secretary.

Nov. 13. Dover. 8. Aaron Windebank to Walsyngham. Punishment of the late offenders. State of the works. Requests that a honest smith may be sent down, and that the Commissioners may be authorized to compel people to work. Lord Seton is at Calais ready to embark for Scotland.

Nov. 20. Scott's Hall. 9. Sir Tho. Scott and Edward Boys to same. Have received copies of the Instrument of Association, and many gentlemen of the shire desire to be admitted into that Christian and loyal society. Request that some one may be appointed to administer the requisite oaths, and suggesting that no recusant be permitted to enter into it.

Nov. 20. 10. Copy of the Charter-party between William Hudson, Robert Baytte, and Everatt Van Wetten, for freightage of the ship Mary Rose of Hull by the said Van Wetten.

Nov. 22. 11. Bond of Sir Wm. Catesby, Henry Whitney, and Ludovicus Greville, for the due conveyance of the capital messuage in Bagburie in Sturminster by Edward Greville and John Greville, after their full age of 21 years.

Nov. 23. Dover. 12. Aaron Windebank to Walsyngham. The man he has recommended to them may be very serviceable for the works in the summer. Paul Ive seems to be weary of the works; there is no great need of him. The best of Her Majesty's ships might now come into the harbour with good safety.

Nov. 23. 13. Tho. Gresley, Sheriff of Staffordshire, and others, to the Council. Have examined the Lord Paget's servants touching his linen and plate, and conveyance of the same to his houses at Burton and Beaudesert.

Nov.? 14. John Hastings to Lord Burghley. Desires a bill to be introduced into Parliament for the better dressing and dyeing of cloths. Solicits his favorable opinion of the same.

Nov.? Sarsden. 15. Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne to her sister Lucy Lady Audley. Complains of the unkindness of her natural relations and friends, which compelled her to seek to the advice of strangers to protect her from ill-treatment by her husband. Her affection for Lady Audley. Is now living at Sarsden, where she means to secrete herself and her sorrows. [*A copy, the original of which is probably in the possession of the Marquis of Hertford. The fly-leaf with the superscription remains.*]

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Nov. Sarsden. 16. Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne to her sister Lucy Lady Audley. Alludes to the high position of the family from which she proceeds; but the unjust coldness of her nearest relations and ill-treatment by her husband have driven her to seek consolation from strangers. Is resolved to live at Sarsden if Mr. [Anth.] Bowrne will give her peace. Affection to Lady Audley.

Nov.? 17. A brief of the covenants between the Right Hon. William Lord Cobham and Sir Tho. Sondes, on his marriage with Lady Margaret Brooke, sister of the said Lord Cobham.

Nov. 18. Mr. Digges's report of his proceedings in the works at Dover Haven, from their commencement; the services he has rendered by exposing the errors of others.

Nov.? 19. Abstracts of Licences granted by Her Majesty for the exportation of unwrought cloths, from the 1st to the 26th years of her reign.

Nov.? 20. Account of the weekly allowance of spices, herbs, &c., for Her Majesty's privy kitchen, and for the ladies of the Privy Chamber.

Nov.? 21. Names of the Recusants within the county of Lancaster, and of such as go to church, but have mass at home for their wives; and the names of such as are suspected.

Nov.) 22. Bill for the confirmation of the Queen's Letters Patent, dated March 7, 1582, for the repair and maintenance of the bridge of Maidenheath, or Maidenhead, in the county of Berks; with a proviso for the Lord Treasurer and the Constable of Windsor Castle to alter or amend any laws or statutes relating to the same.

Nov.? 23. Note of the penalties to be incurred by persons reconciled to the Church of Rome, and by others aiding and assisting them.

Nov.? 24. Reasons to dissuade the uniting of the two offices of Garter King-at-arms and Clarencieux. [*Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, died on the 3d of October*, 1584, *and his successor was not appointed till April* 1586; *in the interim Robert Cooke, Clarencieux, executed the office of Garter. Noble.*]

Nov.? 25. Petition of the Officers of Arms to the Council, complaining of the conduct of York Herald (Wm. Dethick), son of the late Garter King-at-arms, who, greedily aspiring to his father's place, endeavoured to make his way thereunto by slanderous letters and speeches.

26. Names of the gentlemen who have held the office of Garter King-at-arms, from the foundation of the Order to the death of Sir Gilbert Dethick in the year 1584.

Dec. 4. London. 27. Dr. Cæsar to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has searched among the records of the Admiralty for all such spoils as have been committed

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within the last three years by Scottish pirates upon English merchants. *Incloses,*

27. I. *Petition of the Fishermen of North and South Shields to Lord Russell, complaining of the spoils committed on them at sea by divers Scotchmen, amounting to the value of eleven hundred pounds sterling.*

27. II. *Abstract of the above.*

Dec. 4. Dover. 28. Aaron Windebank to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Intends to present the workman from Lyme to the Commissioners for approval. A meeting of the Commissioners for the works is necessary, to consider of Paul Ive's second groyne, which is fretting away very fast. Mr. Hill is absent from sickness.

Dec. 7. 29. Bill for reviving the Act 13 Eliz. for the maintenance of ships, mariners, and fishermen, and for encouragement of fishing on the coasts: to continue in force for seven years. [*Bills for the maintenance of navigation, and for the increase of mariners were read the third time in the Lords on the 7th December* 1584.]

Dec. 7. 30. Another copy of the above, with material alterations in the concluding clauses: to continue in force for 10 years.

Dec. 9. 31. Abstract of the Bill to be exhibited in Parliament on behalf of the prisoners in Her Majesty's prisons of the Bench and Fleet. A commission to be appointed to compound the causes of the prisoners committed for debt, trespass, &c.

Dec. 10. Dover. 32. The Commissioners of Dover Haven to Walsyngham. Report on the progress of the works at Dover Haven. Paul Ive will undertake to keep his groyne in repair.

Dec. 11. Dover. 33. Aaron Windebank to same. Meeting of the Commissioners. Good effects of a small temporary groyne he had erected. The workman of Lyme allowed 16*d.* a day. A new sluice keeper wanted.

Dec. 13. Dover. 34. Same to same. The workman from Lyme has been dismissed till the spring. Letters to be written to the Mayor of Lyme in his favor.

Dec. 17. Bredwardyn. 35. Watkin Vaughan to Lord Burghley. Requests him to favor the Bill for freeing the Marches of Wales from inquiries for murders and felonies committed in the adjoining shires. His daughter is married to Sir Harry Gate. Sends two bills: one is profitable to bridle Papists; the other, touching base captains who make market of the soldiers. [*Written partly in doggerel rhyme.*]

Dec. 18. 36. Schedules of the state of various Bills in the Lower House, of Bills read and passed, and of Bills not read; to the 18th of December.

Dec. 19. 37. Bond and recognizance between Anthony Andrews de Bisbrooke, *alias* Pisbrooke, in the county of Rutland, to deliver a stipulated quantity of oats, beans, &c., to Henry Knowles of Holdenby on the 1st of May 1588.

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Dec. 20. 38. Tho. Wylkes to Walsyngham. Conference with Mr. Attorney General about the commission for the conveying away of the Jesuits.

Dec. 20. 39. Inventories of the goods and chattels of John Stapleton, of the parish of Llanbrinmayer, co. Montgomery, and of Richard Morgan, priest, found in the house of one Allen Chorlton, and of books and papers found in the house of the Parson of Kemmerton.

Dec. 21. 40. The Commissioners for Dover to Walsyngham. Breach of the sea on the north side of Paul Ive's groyne. Substance of a conference with the men from Romney Marsh, touching the groynes of Dover Harbour. Effect of storms upon the beach. All the workmen and laborers discharged till spring. "The sluice maker "being very desirous to go to his wife, is licensed so to do till the "2nd of February." Discharge of Paul Ive and Knight.

Dec. 22. 41. John Hill to same. Substance of the opinions of the Romney Marsh men on the works at Dover. Is of opinion himself that the building of jetties must still be followed by all means. The discharge of all the workmen is injudicious.

Dec. 25. Charing Cross. 42. Rafe Lane to Lord Burghley (?). Fears Her Majesty will not be the first to declare war. Has prepared seven ships at his own charges, and proposes to do some exploit on the coast of Spain, perhaps to steal upon some one of the ships of the Duke of Medina Cœli bound for Ireland. Requests the Queen's commission, with the title of General of the Adventurers. The advantages likely to arise by his services. [1584 ?]

Dec. 25. Westminster. 43. Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton to Walsyngham. In behalf of the bearer, a poor soldier who was wounded in Her Majesty's service in Ireland.

Dec. 29. 44. The Council to the Mayor of Chester. To provide shipping for the transportation of 400 men into Ireland, on or before the 15th of February next, and provisions for victualling them.

Dec. 29. 45. The same to the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners for Musters in several shires, to levy a certain number of men, properly armed and furnished, to be sent into Ireland.

Dec. 29. 46. The same to the Lord President of Wales. Directions to send only 50 men, instead of 100 formerly required, from the county of Denbigh, to Chester, to be embarked for Ireland; and to have special regard to the fitness and quality of the men so raised.

Dec. 47. Forms of cockets for shipment of goods under various circumstances, as, a cocket for wools; a cocket for wools from port to port; a cocket for goods which payeth subsidy, &c.

Dec. 48. Note of cloths shipped at various ports, and of the creeks and members of the same.

Dec. ? 49. Notes of things necessary to be done presently for Dover Haven; a groyne to be made to defend the beach, and part of the

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pier rocks to be taken up to give passage to the beach. The defects of the sluice will be declared by Paul Ive.

50. Note of the annual value of the Manor and Grange of Highbury, with the Parsonage of Austenfield.

51. Memorandum of the sayings of Blage, Beale, Tomson, and Lukenar. The latter, speaking of the Bishops, said "that they "were rather *Deformers* than *Reformers*." [*Apparently the indorsement of some document, probably their examinations.*]

52. Inquiry as to the charge for building and completing a wall of rock work and rough stone, 110 feet long, at Dover Haven, to stand in the sea against the force of the waves.

53. Account of the lading of the ship called the Elephant, of the number of ships' masts, pipe staves, hoops, and small timber,

54. Notes of the examination of John Dickeson, Mr. Frenche, James Parker, Edmond Hankinson, and William Johnson, recusants, as to bribes given to the Bishop or his officers, for remission or palliation of their offences.

55. Plan for the increase of the revenue by 20,000*l.* yearly, without prejudice to Her Majesty's loving subjects, by the publie letting of the Customs to farm throughout, and he that biddeth above the other's present amount, to have the eighth part of that he biddeth.

56. Information of the deceits practised in answering of the Customs. Plan for increasing Her Majesty's revenue by farming the Customs. Indorsed by Burghley, "*Inform : Mr. Nedeham.*"

57. Rocco Bonetti to Sir Fr. Walsynham. Desires to have order for the speedy hearing of his cause. Italian.

58. —— to Lord [Burghley?] Submits to his opinion that the letter he had written should not be shown by his mother to Her Majesty. Is sorry for the Queen's displeasure, though without cause, but if there had been cause for it, he should be a great deal sorrier.

59. —— to [Walsyngham?]. Travels in Italy and Germany as attendant upon Mr. Henry Sackvile. Ill treatment of Mr. Sackvile by his man, Thomas Frost, and Mr. More. Correspondence and intercourse of Mr. More with all the Jesuits abroad. Civilities received at Douay from Dr. Worthington, Dr. Harrison, and others there.

60. Petition of John Lone and Tho. Stamford, of Colchester, to the Queen. Their miserable losses by Scotch pirates. Desire they may receive satisfaction out of the Scotchmen's goods now sued for in England, or else from Scotch shipping from the towns of Air or Dundee.

61, 62. Petition of same to the Council. For satisfaction for the goods taken by the Scottish pirates. [*Two copies.*]

63. Mr. Fisher's opinion of the mode in which a legal tender of rent for the Manor of Foxham in Worcestershire must be made.

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64. An estimate of the charges of 12 of Her Majesty's ships and a galley for one month.

65, 66. Account of provisions for sea, as they are shipped by two indentures, upon the Elizabeth Bonaventure and the White Bear, of London. [*Two copies.*]

67. Estimate of the charge for the furnishing of a bark of 60 tons with victuals, and wages for thirty men for six months.

68. An estimate for the furnishing of Her Majesty's ship the Foresight to the sea, for two months.

69. An estimate of the charges in setting forth to the seas of 20 of Her Majesty's ships, being made able to serve as well as for prest and conduct, rigging, wages, and victuals, &c., for one month of 28 days; and of the number of mariners and gunners to be had out of certain counties.

70. An estimate of the charge of five barques and pinnaces, viz., the Skowte, the Marlyne, the Floure of Comforte, the Synnette, and the Talbotte, to be set forth to the seas in warlike manner for two months. Signed, "*John Hawkyns.*"

71. Survey of the house and farm called Moncton, in the Isle of Thanet, of the clear value of 328*l.* per annum.

72. Petition of John Jackson, of Ipswich, to the Council. Desiring their letters to the Lord Mayor of London and to the Bailiff of Ipswich in his favor, for an amicable arrangement with his creditors; and also for licence to solicit charitable aid in Sussex and Essex.

73. Reasons to show the equity of John Vuedalle's cause; who was a suitor for marriage with Mrs. Turberville, by good and orderly proceeding. Their betrothal before the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, giving each other a ring at the same instant. Claim of Alex. Brett to her as his wife.

74. Secret Advertisements out of the letter from J. G. touching the English Papists on the Continent—Dr. Allen, Father Parsons, and others. The Scotch King it is supposed will be catholic. Meeting of the Pope's Nuncio and Dr. Allen at Paris Names of Catholic books to come into England. Letter from Mr. Norton to Mr. Nevill, *alias* Lord Latimer.

75. Confession of A. B., a Roman Catholic priest, generally dwelling at Mr. Henry Drury's house in Suffolk. His means of living since his arrival in England. Names of priests and Jesuits known to him.

76. Suit of Thomas Markeham for a lease for 60 years of the parks of Beskwood and Clipston, for his services in defeating a fraudulent grant of the Forest of Lindhurst from Her Majesty, which had been purchased from the parties by the Earl of Rutland.

77. Complaint of the Lieutenant of the Tower against the City for infringement of the liberties of his jurisdiction. The City deny

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1584? the Tower to be a Court of Record. Lease of land on Tower Hill by the City to William Wiggings and others, who have built stables and haystacks there, very perilous to Her Majesty's Imperial Castle. A yeoman warder committed to Newgate by the Lord Mayor, until released by custom of Withernam.

78. Note of a suit for a licence to Robt. Scott to transport a certain number of quarters of beans, pease, and vetches into Scotland, duty free.

79. Information of Rice Vaughan, a minister, against Hugh Price, a messenger, and Rice Lloid, for arresting him under false pretences with the intention of extorting money for his release. Their journey from Ludlow to London and commitment of Vaughan to the Marshalsea.

80. The Queen to Drs. William Drury, Thomas Martin, and Edward Stanhop. Power to re-examine the suit between Ralph Hanky and William Courtney, and William Michelot of France, against the sentence given in the Admiralty Court by Dr. David Lewes, deceased. Latin.

81. Objections by Peter Osborne on behalf of himself, William Clarke, and John Osborne, to the bill of complaint drawn by Mrs. Snowe. Peter Osborne's suit to the Queen, as to the execution of the will of Daniel Snowe.

82. Report made to the Queen, of the examination and answers of a Spaniard named Seburo, touching his dealings with the Malcontents and Catholics in England; his intended attack on Flushing, &c.

83. "Considerations to be had in the first levying of the bands; "for their ordinances, numbers, sorting of weapons, &c., best for "service," with the constitution of a force to serve under the Lord General.

84. List of articles composing a dinner service of silver; in Walsyngham's hand. Indorsed, "*A note of certain plates contained "in an artificial table, to be carried from place to place.*"

85. A true rehearsal and survey of all barques and vessels belonging to the pier or harbour at Margate in the parish of St. John's Isle of Thanet; with their several burthens, the names of the masters, pilots, and seamen belonging to the same.

86. Certificate from Birchington, in the Isle of Wight, of their being no harbour nor shipping, but only three fishermen which usually sail at Margate.

87. Richard Topclyffe's notes touching the imprisonment in the Tower of William Aprice, for concealing priests and Papists, and concealment or murder of a boy named Jackson to prevent his evidence.

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88. Notes by Richard Topclyffe of such as traffic in Spain. Recommends Robert Walter of Liverpool, Ferdinand Booune, and John Man, to be arrested. Ill treatment and probable death of David Gwyn, in Spain.

89. Information addressed to Sir Fr. Walsyngham of the irregular transportation of ordnance by Mr. Ortell, under the licence granted to him; with a suggestion that he should make certificate to whom he had disposed of the quantities already exported.

90. "The names of the Confederates against Her Majesty who "have diverse and sundry times conspired her life and do daily "confederate against her." Among others—Lord Paget, Sir Geo. Hastings, Sir Tho. Hanmer, "Ould Birtles the great devel, "Darnally the sorcerer, Maude Twogood enchantresse, the oulde "witche of Ramsbury, several other 'oulde witches,' Gregson the "north tale teller, who was one of them 3 that stole awaye the "Earl of Northumberlandes heade from one of the turrettes in "York," &c.

91. Inventory of some nobleman's furniture, wardrobe, plate, &c.; coronation robes, two suits of Parliament robes, lined with white fur with ermine. An embroidered gold fair belt, that was the old lord's. Headed "*Tho. Wilkes.*"

92. Petition of Sir Thomas Hesketh to the Earl of Leicester. Prays to be released from the custody of Sir Edward Trafford, Sheriff of Lancaster, to whom he had been committed for not keeping strict rule in his own household.

93. Statement by the Merchant Adventurers of their reasons for establishing their marts at Middleburgh.

94. Reasons exhibited by the Merchant Adventurers for the continuance of their trade at Middleburgh and Embdem in preference to Hamburgh; and for prohibiting the traffic of other English merchants between the Ems and the Skawe.

95. Questions to be demanded of David Ingram, sailor, touching his knowledge of a newly discovered land on the north of the River of May. The inhabitants adorned with hoops of gold and silver on their limbs. Abundance of gold, silver, and pearls. Pieces of gold lying at the head of springs and in small running brooks. Strange animals.

96. Device for compensation to English Merchants for loss of the goods in Portugal, by levying an impost on the value of all Portuguese shipping entering English ports.

97. Orders set down for the government of the Office of the Ordnance by Ambrose, Earl of Warwick, to be observed by the inferior officers of the same, until such time as there be further and better orders set down by the Commissioners in this behalf. In testimony that *we* think these orders, set down by my Lord of Warwick, to be very convenient for Her Majesty's true and just service, we do hereunto subscribe. Signed by Sir Philip Sidney, Sir William

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Pelham, and Jo. Powell. [*On the 21st July, 1585, Sir Philip Sidney was constituted Master General of the Ordnance, jointly with the Earl of Warwick.*]

98. Device for the transportion of dollars and bullion out of Spain to England. Offers of the King of Spain for conveyance of 3 or 400,000 ducats into Flanders. Probable profits on that transaction.

99. Historical account of the state of the Hospital of St. John's in Northampton, endowed by Simon Earl of Northampton, who gave all his lands in Northampton to pray for the soul of his father Simon Earl of Northampton. One Mr. Wake pretendeth himself to be Master of the Hospital. Evidences of the hospital burnt by one Mr. Lowe, a former master.

100. Memoranda of Papists and Priests; the Bull of excommunication; the catalogue; certain foreigners to come over disguised as tumblers, for spies and intelligencers. Names of priests and Jesuits arrived in England, or expected.

101. The title of a paper (much mutilated) Leicester's Commonwealth—"Letter of Estate sent too his freende H. R. in Gratious "Street, where in is laid open the pract[ices and d]evices of Robert "Sutton, alias D[uddeley, Earle of L]eicester."

102. State of the case between John Win and Thomas Agas in an action for debt, Win having been employed to teach the son of Agas at the rate of 20*s.* by the year.

103. Lists of the titles of the nobility, showing their precedence. [*Two papers.*]

104. Notes of papers relating to the fortifications and works at Portsmouth, under Sir Henry Ratcliffe in 1580; and survey of the castles of Scarborough and Tynemouth. Order to be taken with the Earl of Northumberland's servants, &c.

105. Petition of Thomas Beckner to Walsyngham. Solicits him to procure compensation for services in prosecuting at the French Court, the claims of English merchants trading into France. *Incloses,*

105. I. *A brief note of the suits as have been followed to the King of France for the abating of such imposts as have been raised from time to time on the Queen's subjects trading into France. With a list of names of all such English merchants.*

106. Considerations to induce Her Majesty to keep her standing armies well furnished with armour and ammunition; particularly the Tower, and the usual standing houses of Greenwich, Westminster, Hampton Court, and Windsor.

107. Roger Parkar to Walsyngham (?). Details his services and various grants made to him by the Queen, all of which proved unprofitable. Solicits now a grant of the Aulnager's office.

108. Petition of William Thompkyns, grocer of London, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Solicits a letter to the Lord Chancellor in his

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behalf for the speedy hearing of a suit between him and one Charles Elton, for certain lands in the Manor of Warley, co. Essex.

109. Petition of Simon Brewer to Sir F. Walsyngham. That he may be permitted to exercise his trade of making trumpets and sackbuts, notwithstanding the privilege granted to Geo. Langdall; having no other trade to maintain himself, his wife, and nine poor children.

110. P. H. to same. Secret advertisements of priests and Papists, and receivers of the same, in Cheshire, Lancaster, Westmoreland, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. Lady Warburton at Congleton keeps one old priest named William Worthington. Old Lady Wharton is now come to Rugford Abbey in Sherwood Forest.

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Jan. 1. Southwark. 1. Richard Rogers, Suffragan Bishop of Dover, to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his singular favor in his late preferment to the Deanery of Canterbury. Sends him a New-Year's gift.

Jan. 2. Bristol. 2. Information sent to the Council(?) by the Farmer of the Customs on Wines, of the landing of wines at the creek called Ilfardcombe by title of a grant made to one Sachefeild: state of the law in such cases.

Jan. 3. 3. Articles to be ministered to Creyton the Jesuit, touching certain money to be received by him. Complaint made against him to the Duke of Guise by one Morgan, agent of the Queen of Scots.

Jan. 9. 4. Certificate of the attendance of Edmund Goddarde, son of Vincent Goddarde, at his parish church of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, and of his having received the holy communion.

Jan. 11. 5. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Finds Her Majesty loth that the French King should have any absolute interest in the Low Countries. His opinions on the subject. The surest and safest course would be for the Queen to take the protection of them herself.

Jan. 11. 6. Certificate of assault and opprobrious words used by John Hussye of Cuckfield, Sussex, towards Captain John Vaughan, in the presence of Walter Covert, Esq., and many others.

Jan. 13. Chanon Row. 7. Lord Henry Clynton to Burghley. Solicits his favorable influence. His father, the Earl of Lincoln, is in the extremity of sickness, and his time cannot be long. The machinations of his mother-in-law to deprive him of his inheritance, who has by her evil speeches at Court incensed the Queen against him. Desires to know, by Sir Wm. Cecill, when he may attend upon him.

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Jan. 15. 8. The several examinations of certain persons named, taken the 15th of January, concerning a quarrel or affray between Mr. Topcliffe and George Bentall, servant to the Earl of Shrewsbury, the 12th day of the same month, near Temple Bar.

Jan. 15. Westminster. 9. Commission by the Queen to the Lord Chancellor and others, authorising them to banish James Bosgrave, John Hart, Edward Rusheton, and Henry Orton, condemned for treason and sedition; and to apprehend and banish all other Jesuits, seminary priests, and other wandering and massing priests.

Jan. 15. 10. Inventory of the goods seized in the house of Humfrey Brookes, by William Aldersey and Roger Saunders, two of the Serjeants of the city of London, by the commandment of Steven Slanye and Henry Billingsley, Sheriffs of London. The goods so seized claimed by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's as felon's goods.

Jan. 15. 11. An addition to the Bill for Her Majesty's safety. Authorising and establishing by law the Association formed for the protection of Her Majesty's person.

Jan. 16. Chanon Row. 12. Henry Lord Clynton to Lord Burghley. Death of his father, the Earl of Lincoln. Complains bitterly of the hard dealing of his mother-in-law, who when he called to see his dying father refused him admittance. She now joineth with his own wife and maketh Lady Stafford and Sir Thomas Heneage her instruments to blow innumerable slanders into the Queen's ears against him. Tenders his livery.

Jan. 25. 13. Articles propounded to John Vaughan, gent., for his better behaviour: to give no cause of offence to the inhabitants of Cuckfield, Sussex, to refrain from lewd company, to proceed as yet no further with his intended marriage with Joan Whorrett, and to avoid all further quarrel with Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Hussy, or any other.

Jan. 26. 14. Sir Chr. Hatton to Burghley. Her Majesty had granted the office of Bolingbroke to the Lord Willoughby, but is right heartily sorry she had not been informed of his wishes before. Her desire that he would be at the Court to-morrow at night about the matter of Parliament, wherewith she was somewhat troubled.

Jan. 26. Dover. 15. Commissioners for Dover Haven to Walsyngham. Have conferred together at Dover on the articles brought by Mr. Hill, and transmit their resolutions thereon. Signed, among others, by the mark of Thos. Watson, Mayor of Dover.

Jan. 27. 16. Report of Edward Soer, Constable of Paris Garden, and John Bartlem, Bailiff there, touching the search of Hugh Catlyne's house for a Papist. His forcible opposition. Discovery of John Worrall, a notorious person for papistry, and two others. Many papistical books found, and popish relics.

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Jan. 28. Queen's College. 17. Henry Robinson, the Provost, and the Fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, to Walsyngham; soliciting him to further the preferment of their Bill in Parliament for the confirmation of their charter. Latin.

Jan. 29. 18. Orders agreed upon and set down by the Right Honorable Sir William Brooke, Knt. Lord Cobham, and Lord Warden of Her Majesty's Cinque Ports, and the right worshipful Thomas Randolphe, Esq., Master and Comptroller-General of all Her Highnesses Ports, for Her Majesty's service, concerning the posts established in Kent; according to the direction and authority given by the Lords of the most honorable Privy Council. [*Printed copy.*]

Jan. 30. London. 19. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. Explains certain reports of his dealings towards him, whereof his Lordship complained. He had had reason to complain of his opposition to his suit for farming the Customs. Explains his conduct, and assures Burghley of his goodwill and friendship.

Jan. 30. Seething Lane. 20. Same to same. Assures him of his constant goodwill. He would produce the reporters, if he could do so with the credit of an honest man; but it might reach to such persons as are not to be called in question.

Jan. 30. Westminster. Commission by the Queen to Drs. Valentine Dale and Julius Cæsar to execute admiralty jurisdiction during the vacancy of the office of Lord High Admiral. Latin. [*See Dom. Eliz., Vol.* ccxxxvii., *fol.* 66.]

Jan. 21. Note of the losses sustained by Thomas Bateriche, merchant of London, in goods taken from him by the Spaniards, in 1568 and 1584.

Jan. 22. A Provision to be added to the Bill for the Queen's safety; constituting a form of government in case of the death of the Queen by violence, by the connivance or practice of any one pretending succession of the Crown of England. Corrected by Burghley. [*The Act for Provision to be made for security of the Queen's Majesty's most Royal Person,* 27 *Eliz. c.* 1., *was read the first time in the Lords* 10*th March* 1585.]

Jan. ? 23. The new clause to be added to the Statute "for the security "of Her Majesty's person," in Walsyngham's hand.

Jan. ? "Extract of the Act to be made for surety of Her Majesty's "Person and the State." [*See ante Vol.* xlv., *p.* 53.]

Jan. ? 24. Copy of the above.

Jan. ? 25. Notes for the drawing of a Bill for Her Majesty's safety.

Jan. ? 26. Consideration of "The Dangers that may ensue by the "Oath of Allegiance hereafter, if it be not qualified by a convenient "Act of Parliament." Points of conscience that may arise in observing the oath and obligation proposed. Dangerous effects like to ensue by

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the Act against Jesuits in its present shape. Horrible effects of impressions on the conscience exemplified in the murder of the Prince of Orange and the dreadful torments inflicted on the murderer.

Jan.? 27. Copy of the preceding.

Jan.? 28, 29. Notes in Lord Burghley's hand for providing for Her Majesty's safety with regard to the succession. [*Two papers.*]

Jan.? 30. Articles whereupon an Act of Parliament may be made, to be added to the Act entitled "For the Q. Majesty's Safety"; whereby authority may remain, after the Queen Majesty's death, to punish and take revenge upon any wicked person that shall attempt to take her life away. [*In Burghley's hand.*]

Jan. 31. Copy of the above.

Jan. 32. A brief discourse, addressed to the Queen, against Succession known, discovering a most assured mean for your Majesty's safety, and to cut off all searching for any other heir or successor during your Majesty's life, and yet fully to content all such faithful dutiful subjects as desire the safety of the realm, joined with the security of your Royal Person. Proposing the present Parliament should not be dissolved during the Queen's life, and at her death to act with all the powers of a Provisional Government. Objections and answers to the scheme proposed.

Jan.? 33. Bill for confirming John Hunte in the possession of certain lands, held on lease from Richard late Bishop of Ely.

Jan.? 34. An Extract of the Acts to be made in this Parliament:—An Act for the preservation and security of Her Majesty's person: Against Jesuits: For punishment of such as shall disperse books and libels to the slander of government: For perfecting assurances: For granting a subsidy and two fifteenths: For abbreviating Michaelmas Term, &c. [*In the handwriting of Attorney General Popham.*]

Jan.? 35. Interrogatories on behalf of Richard Mompesson, for the examination of certain witnesses, touching the escape of Peter de Ordones from Wood Street Compter. Implication of Peter Subaro therein.

Jan. 36. State of the cause between [Henry] Lord Norreis and [Gregory] Lord Dacres. [*The controversy between Lords Dacres and Norreis was settled by Act of Parliament, 27° Eliz.*]

Jan. 37. The effect of the bill of the Lord and Lady Dacres against the Lord and Lady Norreis; with the answers of the Lord and Lady Norreis.

Jan. 38. State of the matter in controversy between Lord Dacre and Lord Norreis; relative to the incumbrance of certain lands by Lord Norreis, and objections, by him, why he refuses to discharge the said incumbrances.

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Jan. ? 39. Bill for settling the controversies between Gregory Lord Dacre and Henry Lord Norreis of Rycot.

Jan. ? 40. Rates of entertainment and wages for the officers, attendants, and workmen at Dover Haven.

Feb. 1. London. 41. Certificate from Wm. Gylbert and Lancelot Browne to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In favour of Mr. Hungate, whose state of health required him to travel abroad in a warm climate.

Feb. 1. Note of articles of furniture, &c., needful to be conveyed to Tutbury for the use of the Queen of Scots:—hangings to her chamber, three or four hundred weight of feathers to amend old and thin beds and bolsters, certain pieces of plate, Turkey carpets, window curtains, &c. With a note of commodities of Lord Paget's to be used for Tutbury, of lands and woods, &c., now out of leases. [*See Queen of Scots, Vol.* XV., *No.* 30A.].

Feb. 2. 42. Indenture between Edward de Vere Earl of Oxford and Richard Samme, John Butcher, and others, copyholders and customary tenants of the Manor of Grayes in Hedingham Sible, co. Essex, relative to rights and privileges of the said tenants.

Feb. 6. Hereford. 43. Humfrey Baskervile, Sheriff of Herefordshire, and others, to the Council. They had furnished and equipped the 50 men for service in Ireland and delivered them to Mr. John Baynard to conduct them to Chester. *Inclosing,*

43. 1. *Indenture containing the names of the* 50 *men sent into Ireland, under the charge of John Baynard, alias Niccles.*

Feb. 6. Westminster. 44. Grant by the Queen to John Walter, valet of the Chamber, of the office of Keeper of the castle and gaol of Norwich, with the house near to the said castle called the Shire House, for life. Latin. With indorsement of grant of same office to Ric. Dyer after the death of Walter, dated 18 Jan. 1602.

Feb. 8. 45. The copies of such writings and evidences as pertain to the suit of Mr. George Puttenham; wherein, by order of Council, Mr. Secretary is to move Her Majesty for compensation to the amount of one thousand pounds, incurred in obeying Her Majesty's command; with a brief of Mr. Puttenham's case.

Feb. 8. 46. The examination and confession of Henry Cæsar, clerk, Vicar of Lastyviell in the county of Cornwall, taken before Rauff Rokeby, Esq., touching his going beyond the seas and his dealings with Papists. Denies being either Jesuit or priest. His belief in spirits and apparitions, and regrets having asserted that either Sir Walter Mildmay or Mr. Secretary Willson had desired to see the spirit of Cardinal Pole.

Feb. 9. 47. Confesssion of Edmond Nevylle, Esq., touching the plot of William Parry, *alias* Dr. Parry, for the assassination of Her Majesty, by shooting at her with dags when she went abroad to take the air in the fields.

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Feb. 11. 48. Deposition and true confession of Edmond Nevylle, Esq., detailing at length his dealings with Dr. Parry, relative to his proposal for assassinating the Queen.

Feb. 11. 49. Petition of the Corporation of Conway to the Lord Treasurer, soliciting him to move the Queen to withhold her royal assent to the Bill for transferring the sessions for the county from Conway to Carnarvon [*The Bill for holding the great sessions at Carnarvon was, with others, returned from the Commons to the Lords on the 11th Feb.* 1585. *It is not in the list of Acts passed in that Session.*]

Feb. 11. Worcester. 50. Gilbert Lyttleton, Sheriff of Worcester, to the Council. Has mustered and furnished with weapons and armour the 50 men required for service in Ireland, and sent them, under the command of Robt. Acton, to Chester. *Incloses,*

50. 1. *Indenture containing the names of the soldiers raised in Worcestershire and sent into Ireland.*

Feb. 12. Stanford. 51. Roger Cave to Lord Burghley. Requests that the Act against common informers may be renewed before the end of the Session. Recommends the suits of his son, Mr. Bagot Cave, to his favorable consideration.

Feb. 12. 52. Points to be resolved by Edmond Nevylle, touching his transactions with Dr. Parry, in the design for liberating the Queen of Scots, and assassinating the Queen.

Feb. 12. 53. Examination of Mr. Scory. Denies having seen the book of libels printed against the Earl of Leicester, but only heard talk of it. His acquaintance with Peter Cubiar, Thomas Morgan, Thomas Throckmorton, and the Spanish Ambassador. His introducing the Earl of Leicester to the Spanish Ambassador, and all dining together at Mr. Customer Smythe's.

Feb. 15. 54. Deposition of William Creychtoun as to his knowledge of Dr. Parry, against whom he had been cautioned as a spy for the Queen of England.

Feb. 15. 55. Proceedings in the House of Commons on certain petitions against abuses in the ministry within the county of Leicester, in the east part of the county of Sussex, and from the inhabitants of Folkstone, in the county of Kent.

Feb. 19. 56. An extract from all such entries as have been made in the custom-house of the port of Gloucester, for transportation of grain from that port since Michaelmas last.

Feb. 19. London. 57. Sir Tho. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to the Council. For mitigation of the statutes of apparel in favor of the city of London, desiring that the alterations proposed by them, for the dress of the citizens, may be granted.

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Feb. 20. Stowe. 58. Sir Ric. Greynvile to Walsyngham. Denies the truth of the reports raised against him, of having committed unlawful violence in the parsonage house of Kilkhampton, co. Cornwall, to the terror and danger of Mrs. Pagett, who kept possession of that house. *Incloses,*

58. I. *A true declaration of Sir Rich. Greynvile's dealings with Mistress Pagett, in obtaining possession of the parsonage house of Kilkhampton, of which benefice her husband, Mr. Pagett, had been legally deprived.*

Feb. 20. 59. A note of the works next to be done at Dover Harbour, with other instructions, delivered unto John Hill, director of the same works.

Feb. 20. 60. Another copy of the above, with some additions.

Feb. 22. 61. Tho. Lewkenor to Walsyngham. Has sent up the persons stayed at Chichester on their return from Rome. The post who landed with them had brought many letters directed to merchants besides those for the Court and Government. Desires to know if they may open letters directed to merchants that may be suspected.

Feb. 22. 62. Legal opinion of Mr. Recorder Fleetewoode, in the case of a merchant, Italian, dying intestate, as to the right of the Crown to the lease of his premises occupied by him as a merchant.

63. Opinion of William Danyell in the same case.

Feb. 23. Woodhay. 64. Tho. Wylbram, Sheriff of the county of Chester, to the Council. Certifies the levying of 50 men for service in Ireland, who have been sent to the city of Chester, and placed under the command of Sir Lucas Dillon.

Feb. 24. Tutbury. 65. The sayings of Humfrey Bridges to Sir Rafe Sadleir upon the points of a letter which he had caused to be written to Nicholas Langford, Esq., of Langford, in the county of Derby. Correspondence of the Queen of Scots with Langford. *Annexed,*

65 I. *Letter of Humfrey Bridges to Nicholas Langford.*

Feb. 24. 66. Ralph Lever to Lord Burghley. Requests him to forward the Bill in Parliament for assurance of the corporation of the hospital of Sherbourne House, granted at the suit of Thomas Lever. [*The Bill for better assurance of Sherbourne House was read the first time in the Lords, Feb.* 24, 1585.]

[Feb. 24.] 67. Note of Ralph Lever's suit in behalf of himself and his brethren of Christ's Hospital, of Sherbourne House, erected for the number of 16 brethren only, and now sought to be increased by Her Majesty's confirmation to the number of 30, the revenues being able to maintain so many.

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Feb. 27. 68. A brief of the effect of Her Majesty's Speech unto the Bishops and other of the Clergy offering unto her their subsidy, in her Privy Chamber, at Somerset Place. The Queen's conversation with the Archbishop; her desire to have learned ministers in every parish.

Feb. 27. 69. Copy of the above.

Feb. 70. Account of the pitiful state of the poor Inhabitants of the Cinque Ports. Against the toleration granted by the Lords of the Council to the states of Holland for the taking of all goods of Her Majesty's subjects designed for Flanders, for the victualling or relief of the adversaries of the States there.

Feb.? 71. Secret advertisements given by one Paynter to Sir Fr. Walsyngham(?). Inspection of letters at Rye from Papists in France; contents of the letters of one Brown. Transactions with Jesuits in Paris. Conversation with Copley at Rouen, who reported the execution of seven Catholics in England.

Feb.? 72. Petition presented to Parliament against abuses in the government of the Church; that divers things were practised by the Archbishops, Bishops, and other ecclesiastical officers, contrary to the Act of Parliament, the laws of the realm, and their own canons.

Feb.? 73. Considerations on the proposed Bill for the government of Wales.

Feb.? 74. A summary of the Act presented, intituled An Act for the recovery and inning of drowned and surrounded grounds and the draining dry of watery marshes, fens, bogs, moors, and other grounds of like nature.

Feb.? 75. Substance of the petitions of the Puritans for a reformation in causes ecclesiastical; with heads of the errors and untruths in the Bill exhibited for a further reformation of the Church.

Feb.? 76. Copy of the above.

Feb.? 77. "Certain doubts conceived upon view of the memorial," probably for putting in readiness the forces of the realm. Appointment of Lieutenants. Pay of the proposed muster masters, and time of year for exercising the trained bands. View of places of descent in the maritime counties.

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March 1. 1. Lord Burghley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Her Majesty desires that the Commons should proceed and hasten the Bill of subsidy. The Speaker being sick, that another may be chosen by the House. Mr. Preston, recommended to be appointed Master of Trinity Hall, is found to be backward in religion. It is desirable the fact of Dr. Parry were better published than it seemeth to be by divers busy printers.

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March 2. 2. Warrant to the Sheriff of Middlesex for the execution of William Parrie, *alias* Dr. Parry, attainted of high treason.

March 2. Entry of the above. [*See Warrant Book, Eliz., Vol.* i, *p.* 56.]

March 3. Winchester. 3. Dr. Tho. Bilson, Dr. Robt. Bennett, and Wm. Say, to Walsyngham. Send up John Owen, a seminary priest, and two others, arrested in Winchester. Their examination, and refusal to be further examined upon oath. They fled from London upon the detection of Dr. Parry's conspiracy. The chief Recusants in Winchester not kept sufficiently strict. *Inclosing,*

3. 1. *Examinations of John Gardiner, alias Owen, Roger Brierton, and Walter Treveven, Papists, taken before Ric. Byrd, the Mayor, and others of Winchester.*

March 4. From his house, near the Beggars of Savoy. 4. Burghley to Walsyngham. Sends some letters he had received. Charges for keeping the Queen of Scots. Consultations at his house to consider as to publication of the truth of Parry's fact. Her Majesty occupied with consideration of her own surety.

March 5. 5, 6. Informations given by Robert Snagge against Edw. Bashe, Sheriff of the county of Hertford, for certain disorders committed towards him and others, his clients. [*Two copies.*]

March 7. 7. The Council to Tho. Greves, surveyor of the Queen's works, and to Tho. Spencer, Robt. Mascall, John Peacocke, and Wm. Kirwin, Viewers of the city of London; directions to survey the Fleet Ditch and to report upon the best means for its purification and removing the nuisances there.

March 8? 8. A Bill prohibiting the carrying of malt to London by the River of Lee, otherwise called Ware River.

March 8? 9. Reasons for restraint of carrying malt to London by the water of Lee, otherwise called Ware River.

March 8. 10. The answer to certain reasons, and petition for restraining the carriage of malt to London by the water of Lee, otherwise called Ware River.

March 10. Chancery Lane. 11. John Popham, Attorney General, to Walsyngham. Sends him all the examinations of Edmond Nevylle.

March 10. 12. Sir Tho. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to Lord Burghley [addressed to him only as "*Sir William Cecill*"], touching the Bill already passed the Lower House for abating the breadth of white woollen cloths.

March 10. 13. Answers to the objections of the Dean of Norwich against the Bill touching grants and leases made by the Dean and Chapter, before the passing of Statute 13 Eliz.

March 11. 14. Notes for amendments in the Bill against fraudulent conveyances, afterwards the Act 27 Eliz., cap. 4.

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March 11. Sheffield. 15. Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Has been brought into very great weakness of body this winter. Describes his suffering from the gout. Intends to be present at St. George's Feast, if able.

March 11. 16. Petition of the Shoemakers to Lord Burghley. That he would favour the passing of the Bill in the Upper House for restraining of curriers and all other ingrossers, regrators, and forestallers of tanned leather

March 12. 17. Examination (in Walsyngham's hand), of Richard Shelleye, as to the authorship of a certain book against Her Majesty, in which the Lord Vaux, Sir John Arundell, Sir Tho. Tresham, Sir Wm. Catesbye, and others were concerned.

March 13. 18. John Nuthall to Burghley. Concerning an Act of Parliament to be made for repealing letters patent, granted to Peter Gray, of concealed lands in the case of the deanery lands of Chester.

March 14. 19. Memorandum of an assault committed by Millisent Smyth upon the Parson of the parish of Water Newton, in the county of Huntingdon.

March 15. London. 20. Sir Tho. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, to the Council. Conference with the two juries lately charged for the inquiry of a true standard for weights. *Incloses,*

20. I. *A copy of the several opinions and verdicts of the first jury appointed to inquire of a true standard of weights.*

20. II. *Answers of the latter jury for weights, and to the considerations and reasons of the former jury.*

March 16. 21. Bill for reviving a branch of the Stat. 23 Eliz., cap. 7, for the bringing in of the staple fish, lings, and herrings from beyond seas, being good and wholesome for man's body.

March 17. 22. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to Lord Burghley. That a proviso may be added to the Act concerning the length and breadth of cloths; that the merchant, bringing certificate of the deficiency in length or breadth, may have sufficient remedy against the clothier.

March 18. 23. Certificate by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, that the records of the City had been searched relative to the grant of Henry VIII. to William Dowley for the measurage of corn and other things measurable within the City.

March 19. Aldersgate. 24. Edward Turnour to Walsyngham. His poverty prevents him repairing to Walsyngham. Having always been engaged in military service, he now desires to be re-engaged in active service. King Henry, King Edward, Queen Mary, and Her Majesty that now is have *called* him to serve; but now *he begs* it.

March 20. 25. Note of the stores in the Office of the Ordnance.

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March 20. 26. "Certain Notes fit to be put in use to prevent the invasion "of the ships riding at Chatham." [*In the handwriting of John Hawkyns.*]

March 20? 27. Mr. Vale's notes and remembrances for some amendments in the Bill for the good government of Westminster, 27 Eliz., cap. 31.

March 20. 28. Copy of Clause x. of the Act 27 Eliz., cap. 31, for better government of the city of Westminster, and the jurisdiction of the steward of the Duchy of Lancaster, within the liberties of the same.

March 20? 29. An Act for the good government of the City and Liberties of Westminster: the seat of royalty, the receipt of the Nobles and Estate of the Honorable Council, the Sanctuary of all Justices, the place of Parliament, the Show of all Nobles, and of all Ambassadors coming from foreign parts. [*This is* NOT *the Act* 27 *Eliz., cap.* 31, *as printed in the Statutes at large.*]

March 21. 30. Information given by Robert Gillat, pilot of Robert Ellyott's bark. Exportation of ordnance by John Emery and Robert Ellyott.

March 21. 31. The copy of the Lord Treasurer's orders for the defence of the Navy; precautions to secure Upnor Castle.

March 22. 32. The Council (?) to the Officers of the Navy. Information of some practice or device to burn and destroy the Navy. Directions for continued vigilance. One of the four principal officers to lie at the ships monthly.

March 22. 33. Amendments, in Lord Burghley's hand, to be added to "the "Bill for the observance of Wednesday as a fish-day."

March 23. 34. Petition of Wm. Darrell to the Council. As divers malicious petitions had been exhibited against him, he desires that his cause may be heard, or that he may be dismissed.

March 23. Cockington. 35. George Cary to Walsyngham. Has sent to Dover sixteen "ton men," and thirty-four other workmen of various callings; whereof some are masons, some barrow men, and some to go in the lighters to fetch stone. Desires that directions may be given to Mr. Hill not to be absent from his post at Dover.

March 23? 36. Effect of the answers of Archbishop Whitgyfte to the sixteen petitions presented to Parliament concerning the ordering and governing of ministers, conformity, excommunication, non-residence, contumacy, &c. [*A Bill to reform certain disorders touching Ministers of the Church was read the first time in the Lords* 23 *March*, 1585.]

March 24. 37. Examinations of such Butchers within the liberties of the "Duchy" without Temple Bar as kill and sell flesh in Lent.

March. Greenwich. 38. Sir F. Walsyngham to Tho. Sekford. Desires an explanation of the order taken by him in the case of the complaint of Tho. Squire against Tho. Smith, B.A. With Sekford's reply.

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March. 39. Lady Jane Wentworth to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In favor of the bearer, Tho. Jennings, that his father's pension of 40*l.* per annum may be confirmed to him during his life, or that he may have a grant of 30*l.* lands in reversion.

March 25. St. Katharine's. 40. Rauff. Rokeby, Master of St. Katarine's, and Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, to the Council. Have examined several butchers, vintners, ordinary table keepers, keepers of tippling houses, and vintners, within the liberties of St. Katharine's. *Inclosing,*

40. I. *Examinations of the butchers of St. Katharine's, for killing and uttering flesh in Lent.*

40. II. *Certificate of the names and numbers of vintners, victuallers, &c., within the precinct of St. Katharine's.*

March 26. 41. Henry Earl of Lincoln to Burghley. Explains his visiting the French Ambassador. Protests, before the living God, that he never had any treacherous designs or secret plans with him, and since he has perceived the Earl of Leicester's dislike thereof, he has sought to break off that acquaintance.

March 28. 42. The claims and allegations of the Lord Mountjoy to the Parks and Demesnes of Canforde for one hundred years, by title in law, with the answers on the part of the Earl of Huntingdon, defendant.

March 28. 43. Abstract of the different reasons of the two juries concerning the "sizing" of the Troy weight and the avoirdupois.

March 29. 44. The contents of the Bill exhibited for the maintenance of the Cob of Lyme Regis. [*This Bill passed the Lords 29th March*, 1585.]

March 30. 45. Depositions and examinations of Joseph Pelland, deputy searcher of the town of Hythe, and others, as to two libels lately set up in the town of Hythe.

March 30. 46. Examination of Wm. Fenner, of Chichester, taken before Dr. Cæsar of the Admiralty; touching the ships taken or detained by him, Edward Fenner, and John Challice, in the galleon Fenner, under colour of a commission from Don Antonio, King of Portugal.

March 31. 47. Secret advertisement, addressed to Walsyngham, relative to Richard, servant to Dr. Allen. The widow of the traitor Francis Throckmerton's conference with Creychtoun, the Scottish prisoner in the Tower, and other Papists. Thanks for money received.

March. 48. Secret advertisements, by the same party, addressed to Walsyngham. Information respecting Edmonds, *alias* Hunte, the Jesuit, who used to preach at Lady Paulett's, who is lodged near Temple Bar. He is of opinion the King of Scots will marry a daughter of Spain. The names of certain priests, with such places as they resort unto. Forty or fifty priests expected from Rome or Rheims.

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March. 49. Petition of Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, to the Council. In answer to the complaint against him by Wm. Carr, citizen and merchant tailor, discharging one Tho. Poole, who had been illegally arrested and brought to the Tower at the suit of Carr.

March. 50. Extract out of an Italian letter to Sir F. Walsyngham, being a device how Queen Elizabeth might overcome all her enemies, without spending one penny of her own treasure.

March? 51. Certificate by the Surveyor of the Works and the Viewers of the city of London of the annoyances of the common sewer at Fleet Bridge. Proposals for the erection of larger floodgates, so as to admit of a barge 18 feet broad.

March? 52. Petition of Gyles Raynsford to the Queen's Majesty. For a grant of concealed or attainted lands in Ireland of the yearly value of 40*l.*, to be held in fee-farm, in consideration of his long and faithful service to Queen Mary and Her Majesty.

March? 53. Brief of Mr. Goad's opinions upon the Act for the due election of Juries, and the better administration of justice.

March? 54. Richard Popynjay, surveyor, to the Earl of Leicester. Having recovered from his long and dangerous sickness, he wishes to be restored to his former service, wherein he has for these five and twenty years served Her Majesty.

March? 55. Petition of the Company of Merchants trading to Venice and the Levant to the Council, against the importation of corinths by foreign merchants; avoidance of Acerbo Velutelli's patent. Lists of the ships employed by them in the trade of the Levant, and in the Venetian dominions, in the year 1584.

March? 56. Collection of papers and extracts relating to the Navy and naval affairs; reasons for decay of traffic at Kingston-on-Hull; order for the Office of the Navy, March 1583. The Lord Treasurer's order for the defence of the Navy, 21st March 1585. Orders for preservation of the haven of Harwich. On the general decay of havens, creeks, and harbours, &c. [*A copy; the original is in the handwriting of Sir John Coke, and will be found among the papers of his time*, 1628.]

March? 57. Heads of the Lords' resolutions touching the training of men, as commanded by Her Majesty. Propositions for training a certain number of shot; and for two muster masters to be sent down, two into every county, to view and train all the forces of the realm.

March? 58. A plot or device, in Walsyngham's hand, for annoying the King of Spain by the seizure of the Spanish shipping at Newfoundland; the benefits that would follow by distressing the navy of Spain, and the advantages to England. Such a measure would be likely to be taken by the King of Spain as an open act of hostility.

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March? 59. A MS. book, containing articles on the oath to be ministered to the Recusants; scheme for reformation of the Universities; for keeping out of Recusants and Jesuits; church government and reformation of ministers, schools, &c., entitled, "A Book of Mr. Norton's "Devises." [*This able paper is by Thomas (?) Norton, and was probably drawn up subsequent to the several Acts on Church Government, February* 1585. *Serjeant Flowerdew, mentioned fol.* 19, *became Baron of the Exchequer October* 1585.]

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April 1. Rome. 1. George Powell to his father, William Powell, at Uske. Asks his blessing and prays him to help the bearer and his company, which if he does he shall have in the next world life everlasting and five times as much; and if he does not, perhaps he will be cast headlong into everlasting damnation.

April 1. Dover. 2. Commissioners of Dover Haven to Walsyngham. The new commission for Dover Haven produced, and Edward Boyes, Esq., chosen Treasurer for the year. They approve of the instructions and the rates of wages.

April 1. 3. Brief of the accompt of Sir Tho. Scott, Knight, Treasurer of the expenses of Dover Harbour, from the 10th day of April 1584 until the 1st day of April 1585.

April 2. Dover. 4. John Hill to same. Meeting of the Commissioners for Dover under the new commission. Desires that the orders, agreed upon by the Commissioners, may be returned to him. Progress of the works at Dover Haven. Sends a brief of Mr. Petts' accompt. *Incloses,*

4. 1. *Brief estimate of the money to be spent on Dover Haven this summer for officers and workmen's wages and entertainment.*

April 2. Greenwich. 5. The Queen to Lord Burghley. Authority to give directions for the felling of a certain number of trees in Sherwood Forest, towards re-edifying the houses and buildings consumed by fire in the town of East Retford, co. Nottingham.

April 2. 6. Roger Cave, Tho. Andrewe, and John Isham, to Raphe Turner. Inform him the Council has directed letters of commission to them, for the hearing and determining of the causes in controversy between him and the inhabitants of West Haddon.

April 3. Nettelsted. 7. Henry Lord Wentworth to Lord Burghley. His cousin and ward, Paul Withipoull, is fallen suddenly ill. Desires that if he should die he may have the wardship of his brother Edmund and the preferment of the lands in lease that shall fall to Her Majesty.

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April 4. 8. The true answer of Raphe Turner to the Commissioners' letter, as certified by Raphe Wildinge. His determination not to proceed in the suit unless he might attend to it himself, and that he would write to the Commissioners.

April 4. London. 9. Henry Earl of Lincoln to Burghley. Intends going into the country. Sir Tho. Cecil and his son marvel not a little what has become of him. Slanders and unjust suspicions raised against him by his enemies, and he knows not what course to take to purge himself of them. Refers his hard case to his consideration.

April 5. 10. Same to same. Has spoken with Sir Tho. Cecil, who has left a guest at Burley (his son, Lord Clynton,) with my lady, loth to depart. Desires to know his further pleasure.

April 6. London. 11. Secret advertisements addressed to Walsyngham. Has had conference with Jarves Perpoynte, late in the Tower, Creytoun the Scottish Jesuit there, Wm. Shelley, and other Papists. Their means of intelligence, &c.

April 8. Deptford. 12. [ ] to Lord Burghley. On the state of Her Majesty' Navy. Remissness and neglect of the officers of the Navy. Charges Matthew Baker with idleness and neglect. Account of ships repaired, and of extraordinary expenses in dry docks.

April 9. Greenwich. 13. The Council to the Commissioners for the musters in Lincolnshire. Thanks for their diligence in the musters and training. Directions to keep the forces of the county in constant readiness, and to appoint officers under the name of Vintemers and Decemers, to take charge of them.

April 10. Dover. 14. John Hill to Walsyngham. Report of the progress of the works at Dover Haven. Damage by a storm. Mr. Boys, the new treasurer, wants money. Nine workmen have come from Mr. Cary.

April 11. London. 15. Acerbo Vellutelli to same. Requests payment, and desires Walsyngham's favor in his behalf. Italian.

April 12. Huntingdon. 16. Raffe Turnour to Mr. Roger Cave, Tho. Andrewe, and John Isham. Had received their letter informing him of the Council's warrant for the hearing of the cause between him and the inhabitants of West Haddon. His imprisonment by Mr. Henshaw, vicar of Ravensthroppe. Desires that the trial may be deferred, or else that he may be permitted to attend.

April 12. 17. A brief summary of the customs and subsidy due to Her Majesty for all foreign commodities brought to the Port of London from Michaelmas 1584 to Easter 1585 by John Saunders.

April 13. 18. Thomas Windebank to Walsyngham. Excuses his non-attendance at the Court by reason of his ill health having taken medicine for the defect of his eye sight.

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April 13. 19. Secret advertisements addressed to Walsyngham. The intended departure out of England of Richard, servant to Dr. Allen. His confessions. Amount of money paid by Allen to every priest sent into England. Popish book and publications in charge of William Braye.

April 13. Newport (Isle of Wight). 20. John Dyngley, Lieutenant and Deputy to Sir Geo. Carey, Captain of the Isle of Wight, to Sir G. Carey. Arrival of two ships from Civita Vecchia. Detention and examination of John Colson, a surgeon, one of the passengers, for certain lewd speeches against Her Majesty. *Incloses,*

20. I. *Examination of John Colson, taken on the 10th of April.*

20. II. *The examination of sundry persons, sailors and others, of the ship called the Gift of God of Aldborough, as to words spoken by Colson.*

April 13. 21. [ ] to Rob. Wod. Desires him to attend to all things that would be communicated to him by the bearer, who had been very kind to him. Asks for money. Death of Mr. Procter's brother, whose end was sweet and heavenly.

April 16. Amersham. 22. Voluntary offer of Tho. Throgmarton to pay yearly to Her Majesty the sum of 100*l.*, to be discharged of the penalties of the statute for not coming to Church.

April 23. London. 23. Drs. Val. Dale and Julius Cæsar to Walsyngham. The examinations of Edmund Tyrrey, of Cork, and of Clinton Atkinson prove that the inhabitants of Lydd did receive and relieve the pirates when their ship was run ashore. [*Copy.*]

April 24. 24. Lease from Sir Tho. Henneage, Treasurer of the Chamber, to Roger Watts, mariner, of a tenement in Kingston-on-Hull, lately in the occupation of one Leonard Willan.

April 24. 25. John Hill] to Walsyngham. Reports the progress of the works at Dover Haven. Commencement of the Black Bulwark. Arrival of stone from Folkstone.

April 26. Ampthill. 26. Henry Earl of Kent, Henry Lord Cheyne, and other Justices of Bedfordshire, to the Council. Have apprehended and examined Tho. Freeman, a seminary priest, and sent him up to London, with his books and papers, by the bearer John Rowe, high sheriff of the county. *Inclosing,*

26. I. *Examinations of Tho. Freeman, taken before Mr. Lewys Dyve, Justice of the Peace.*

April 29. 27. Depositions of divers persons against Mark Wiersdale, vicar of the parish of All Saints in Maldon, Essex, who offered to lay a wager with Roger Nowell, vicar of Heybridge, that Her Majesty had no claim to be styled Queen of France or Ireland.

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April 29. 28. Examination of Mark Wiersdale, vicar of All Saints, Maldon, relative to the use of Her Majesty's style of Queen of England, France, and Ireland.

April 30. 29. Remembrances exhibited by Richard Dowe and John Robinson of the Custom House. Transportation of cloths. Maintenance of the copper works at Keswick.

April. 30. Accompt of money paid into the Exchequer, for the tonnage for Dover Haven, from Easter 1581 till Easter 1585.

April? Grant to W. G. of the office of Drum Player, in place of T. K., defunct. Latin. [*See Warrant Book* I., *p.* 116.]

April? 31. Heads of the Speech to be delivered from Her Majesty to the Earl of Arundel. His implication by the confession of Francis Throgmorton. The supposed secret correspondence between him (the Earl of Arundel), the Spanish Ambassador, and others, for the invasion of England by a foreign power. To be careful that his declarations and protests respecting his innocency in these matters be found true, otherwise they will only increase his fault, and deprive him of the benefit of Her Majesty's grace and favor in future.

April? 32. Copy of the above.

April? 33. Articles exhibited by Henry Norwiche against Symonde Norwiche and his servant, Nich. Clemente, for contempt of the Council's letters, and desiring the hearing of the cause may be deferred till next term.

April. 34. Declaration in an action by Edmund Day against John Webster for the erection of certain floodgates and mills upon the waters of a river, whereby the meadow lands of Day in the parish of Roxton, co. Bedford, held of Trinity College, Cambridge, were overflowed and destroyed. Latin.

May 1, Dover. 35. Aaron Windebank to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has forwarded on their journey Sir Angelo Agolanti and Sir Geronimo Rocca. *Complains of pirates; hardly a ship* can cross the seas for the hell-hounds of Flushing. A crayer chaced by them made for the harbour and ran foul of the pier.

May 1. 36. Examination of Edmund Rainolde, taken by Dr. John Underhill, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. Books received by him from one Alfeilde, of Gloucester. The book against the execution of justice he burnt. Depositions of John Barber.

May 1. Dorking. 37. John Hill to Walsyngham. Progress of the works at Dover. States his reasons for employing a greater number of workmen than what had been agreed upon. Is very glad Mr. Cary is coming. Mr. Boys has received 400*l.* by a new warrant.

May 2. 38. Account of the receipt and payments of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer from the 11th April till May 2, 1585.

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May 2. London. 39. Secret advertisements from A. B., sent to Walsyngham. Proceedings of the Papists. Henry Vaux, son of Lord Vaux, intrusted with the funds for the relief of priests. Assembly of Henry Vaux, Edmonds the Jesuit, and other priests at the house of Mr. Wylford at Hogesdon, who appointed the money to be paid to H. Vaux for the relief of the priests. Hopes of the Papists of foreign assistance. A general petition to the Queen contemplated.

May 2. 40. Estimate of the cost for the erection of a citadel at Portsmouth according to a plat marked P.

May 5. Sudborne, near Oxford. 41. R. Leigate to the Council. Informs them of the arrest and examination of Esdras Sympson and John Godsalve, two seminary priests, and desires further instructions.

May 5. 42–44. Latin verses on Death, from 41 Ecclesiat., v. 1, by Edward Spark, Benjamin Gooneld, and Thomas Coppin, all scholars of St. John's College, Cambridge, on Lady Margaret's foundation. [*Three papers.*]

May 5. 45. Confession of Christopher Duglen, born in Rouen, as to his residence and service in England.

46. Confessions of John Neale, ordered by old Bishop Goldwell at Rome to go into England, where he had been five years, and was seeking to quit the realm under the late statute.

May 8? 47. Confession of John Vyvyan, priest, that he had been six years in England, and seeking for passage according to the late statute for Jesuits and seminary priests.

May 8. 48. Declaration by Edmund Bedyngfeld of his knowledge of Vyvyan, and his endeavours to procure a ship for his passage over to Middleburgh, and to carry a letter for him to one Mr. Danyell there.

May 9. 49. Account of the weekly receipt and payments of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer to the 9th of May 1585.

May 11. 50. Examination of Jehan Monnier, post of Calais, taken before Edward Boys, Tho. Watson, Mayor of Dover, and others, as to receipt of letters from Seburo.

May 11. 51. Examination of Edmund Cecill, seminary priest, taken before Tho. Rowland and John Browne, upon suspicion of papistry. His acquaintance with John Cecill, and upwards of 200 Englishmen at Rheims. His refusal to go to church in England, or to take the oath of Supremacy.

May 11. London. 52. Information sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Conveyance of letters and messages to the Queen of Scots by Ralphe Elves, servant to Mr. Fenton of Norleaze, co. Derby. Elves is well known to that Queen and her servants.

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May 14. Fleet Street. 53. Arthur Hopton to Walsyngham. States his opinion that Mr. Richard FitzJames was not a fit man to be admitted into the Commission of the Peace, being vehemently suspected of papistry and associating with a perilous fellow of that faction.

May 15. At Court. 54. Philip Sidnei to Lord Burghley. He will not fail to wait at the Tower on Monday morning for the performance of Her Majesty's commandment. In his speech with Her Majesty, touching the deficiency of the stores in the Office of Ordnance, he was anxious not to aggravate anything, and to excuse my Lord of Warwick. [*On the 21st of July following Sir P. Sidney was constituted by patent Master of the Ordnance jointly with the Earl of Warwick.*]

May 15. London. 55. William Waad to Walsyngham. Particulars of the examination and answers of Peter Cubiaur, his dealings with the King of Spain, and his designs against Flushing. Promise of money to him by Don Bernardino the Spanish Ambassador.

May 15. Dover. 56. John Hill to same. Progress of the Works. More money wanted.

May 15. Lincoln's Inn. 57. Rauff Rokeby to same. Forwards the examinations and confessions of Tho., *alias* Esdras, Sympson and of John Godsalfe. The untruth and falsity of all their confessions before the Mayor and officers of Orford. He thus leaves these seditious seducers and popish practisers to further consideration. *Incloses,*

57. I. *Examination of Esdras Sympson and John Godsalfe, taken before Tho. Agas and John Sawyer, Commissioners for the port of Orford, in Suffolk. May* 3.

57. II., III. *Second examinations of Esdras Sympson and John Godsalfe. The oath of Supremacy refused by Sympson and taken by Godsalfe, May* 4. [*Two papers.*]

57. IV. *Certain speeches used by Esdras Sympson to Thomas Huddin and others, on the probability of foreign assistance.*

57. V. *Confession of John Godsalfe relative to his acquaintance with Esdras Sympson. May* 12.

57. VI. *Confession of Thomas, alias Esdras, Sympson to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His doings on the Continent, where he begged his way to Rome, and was made priest at Rheims. Desires that the money taken from them by the Mayor of Orford may be restored. May* 12.

57. VII. *Interrogatories ministered to Tho., alias Esdras, Sympson, a seminary priest. May* 14.

57. VIII. *Confession and examination of Tho., alias Esdras, Sympson, seminary priest of the college at Rheims, taken before Rauf Rokeby. Educated at Cambridge and supported himself by teaching. His travels and acquaintance*

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abroad. Foreign news. His reasons for returning to England. Secret correspondence with Mr. Man in France. All that he and John Godsalfe has said to the Mayor of Orford was untrue. May 14.

57. IX. *Examination and confession of John Godsalfe, priest. His doings on the Continent, and his determination in matters of religion. All his speeches before the officers at Orford were utterly untrue. May* 14.

May 16. At Court. 58. Sir Ph. Sidnei to Walsyngham. Requests him to recommend Mr. John Peiton's bill to Mr. Nicasius; as he is one whom from Sidnei's childhood he has had great cause to love.

May 16. 59. Tho. Randolph to same (?). Memoranda to bear in mind the posts for Dover, that they may receive the pay due to them, as they are in great poverty.

May 16. Deed of Sale by Edmund Coppinger to Richard Cappar of a messuage or tenement in the town of Bridgenorth, co. Salop. Latin. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 4.]

May 18. 60. Certain Gentlemen of Somersetshire to Walsyngham. Certificate in favor of Richard FitzJames, of Redlinche, that he was a gentleman of very good calling and very meet to be continued in the Commission of the Peace.

May 18. 61. Examination of Francis Tasse, an ordinary post, taken before Ric. Younge; his conversation with Seburo relative to the news from Dunkirk, and the carriage of letters over to Flanders.

May 20. 62. Obligation of John Meere, of the Inner Temple, not to slander or libel Mrs. Edetha Best, a widow. Indorsed, "*Full of craft.*" [*By some error in the wording of the condition, Meere stands bound to slander Mrs. Best.*]

May 21. 63. Sir Robert Jermyn to the Council. Describes the natural strength and suitableness of the Isle of Lothingland for defence against an enemy. The country will pay the expenses for the erection of a blockhouse.

May 21. 64. Tho. Morgan, *alias* Charles Thomas, to Harry Morgan. Will not follow his advice for the securing of his living. In a short time he hopes to make many beholden to him. Requests him to repay the bearer. Information given by Thos. Lluellin relative to Rowland Morgan, who was in Harry Morgan's house.

May 21. 65. Informations against Henry Morgan, Customer of Cardiff, relative to his dealings with his brother, Thos. Morgan, the traitor, and Rowland Morgan, seminary priest, lately come out of France, and was a common seducer in matters of religion.

May 22. 66. Examination of Harry Morgan upon certain interrogatories to him ministered on the Queen's behalf; taken before Edw. Flowerdewe, Baron of the Exchequer; as to his dealings with his brother,

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Tho. Morgan, whom he utterly detests since he has heard the speeches uttered against him by Throkmorton and Parry. Has received letters from him on the subject of his religion. Perversion of Rowland Morgan to popery.

May 23. Chester. 67. Bishop Chaderton to the Earl of Derby. His pleasure at the advancement of the Lord Chamberlain [*Charles Lord Howard, of Effingham, to the post of Lord High Admiral*]. Obstinacy of Thomas Holford, a seminary priest. Necessity for renewal of the Ecclesiastical commission in the diocese of Chester. Appearance of Holford, a tall, black, fat, strong man, the crown of his head bald, his beard "marquezated." Description of his apparel. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Examination of Tho. Holford, seminary priest; his return into England of purpose to persuade the people to the Catholic faith.*

May 23. Dover. 68. John Hill to Walsyngham. Progress of the works: the Black Bulwark advanced 55 feet. Hopes the new sluice will be finished by the end of the week.

May 25. 69. Edmund Rainolde to Sir Fr. Walsyngham (?). In answer to such things as he is charged with. States his readiness to comply with any directions his honor should appoint. Is unjustly suspected to be an enemy to the established religion. Declares his opinions and belief in religious matters.

May 25. 70. Order in Council for trying the suit in the Exchequer, between Thomas Moyle and Tho. Pigot, by jury in Middlesex, Hertford, or Essex, and not in Sussex. Certified by Wm. Waad.

May 26. 71. Bond of John Pratt for the payment of the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas Fysher.

May 26. 72. Secret advertisements sent to Sir F. Walsyngham. Certifies the names of such Jesuits and priests as are now remaining in London, lodging in common inns, where Edmunds the Jesuit, and others, receive aid by the hands of Mr. Henry Vaux. Recent arrival of Ithell, a priest from France, where he was conversant with Charles Pagett, Charles Arundell, Morgan, and others. The designs of the Catholics in France favored by the French King. The writer applied to to be the means of communication with the disaffected Catholics.

May 27. Bruton. 73. Sir Maurice Barkeley to same. Informs him of the unfitness of Richard FitzJames to be in the Commission of the Peace. The late certificate in his favor had been signed by gentlemen not well acquainted with him. Requests permission to state more fully the objections to FitzJames, before Walsyngham gives consent to his appointment.

May 27. 74. The names of the Prisoners in the Tower, and statement of the several causes for which they have been committed. Earl of Northumberland, Wm. Shelley, W. Wickliffe, Thomas Pound, Nicholas

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Rosarock, Tho.[5] Leighton, Tho. Allfield, and others. Recommendation to remove Sir Owyn Hopton, the lieutenant; Sir Drue Drury a fit man to be put in his place.

May 28. 75. The allegations of the Executors of the late Earl of Sussex. They demand that the lands shall stand bound for answering all the just debts of the late Earl, and of those due to the Crown.

May 31. 76. Examination of Tho. Waye taken before the Bailiff and Jurats of Hastings, touching certain lewd speeches uttered by Henry Norton, in praise of Dr. Parry.

May 31. 77. Estimate of the charge of setting to the seas in warlike manner two of Her Majesty's ships, viz., the Scowte and the Achates for one month.

May. 78. Sir Tho. Heneage and Sir Walter Raleigh to the Council. Report their proceedings in the matter between Morgan Powell and Jones, about the money paid for the ransom of a captive in Barbary, but detained by the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor refers himself and the suit to their Lordships' decision. *Inclosing,*

78. 1. *Report on the matter between Morgan Powell and Mr. Jones, as to money consigned for the ransom of Thomas Powell and Peter Williams, captives in Barbary.*

May. Greenwich. 79. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters in the Inland counties. To review the numbers of able men in their counties and to have the whole in a complete state of readiness, well armed and furnished in every particular. Survey of the arms and armour, and all deficiencies to be supplied. Muster masters to be sent down. Complaint of the decay of archery.

May. 80. Names of deputies to replace such captains for the ports in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as are dead or absent.

May. 81. Names of the Commissioners in certain shires for restraint of the exportation of grain.

May. 82. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of counties, for the restraint of the exportation of grain, on account of the present scarcity by the unseasonableness of the year.

May. 83. Petition of Richard Thompson and others to the Council. For satisfaction for a ship called the Jesus, confiscated and sold in Tripoli by the unjust practices of the factors of Richard Stapers of London.

May. 84. Petition from the same parties to Walsyngham, on the same subject.

May. 85. "The several sorts of Pearl with their names and prices, in "Margarita, as also what they are sold for in St. Domingo, or in "Spain, or elsewhere."

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June 2. 1. Depositions of Alexander Prescott, servant and apprentice to James Pemerton, goldsmith, sent to the house of Lord Vaux with a bason and ewer given by Mr. Babington, of Derbyshire, to Lady Vaux. Exhibition of a papistical book by one Oseley, *alias* Worseley [Wolseley]. His speeches in favor of the Earl of Northumberland and against the Earls of Derby, Leicester, and Bedford. Popularity of John Talbot.

June 3. 2. Examination of Walter Wolseley, servant to Lord Vaux, as to the speeches he had uttered concerning the Earls of Northumberland, Derby, Leicester, or Bedford, or John Talbot of Grafton, in the county of Worcester. Denies the intention of any evil in his speeches.

June 4. 3. Wm. Mitton to his father, Wm. Mitton. His prosperous voyage and safe arrival. Is placed with a good master. Has had a fever, but is now recovered. Desires to be remembered to his cousin Jane Oglethorpe. Richard Hargrave has lent money to his brother, Walter Mitton.

June 4. Rheims. 4. Robert Debdall to his parents. In favor of Mr. Cottam the bearer. Sends some popish tokens, as crucifixes, beads, strings of grains, &c.

June 4. Paris. 5. —— Huton to Christopher Huton, his brother. Intends to remain in Paris. Requests money to be sent to him.

June 6. 6. Note of the progress of the works at Portsmouth; erection of the curtain from the Green Bulwark to the new Bulwark at the brewhouse.

June 8. Henley. 7. Sir Henry Nevell and Wm. Knollys to the Council. Arrest and examination of Gregory Gunnes, *alias* Stone, a priest. Send up the popish relics found on him. *Inclosing,*

7. I. *The examination of Gregory Gunnes, alias Stone, a priest, born in Norfolk and educated at Magdalen College, Oxford.*

7 II. *Information of Richard Davidson, of speeches past between Evan Ardern and Gregory Gunnes. Gunnes' speeches in favor of Edmond Campion.*

June 9. Westminster. 8. Earl of Sussex to Walsyngham. Attempt by four Alcaldos to surprise Alderman Bond's ship, the Primerosa, in the Road of Portugaleta, in Biscay. Spirited resistance of the crew, beating off the Spaniards and bringing away the four Alcaldos with them.

June 9. The Temple. 9. John Popham, Att. General, to same. Gives particulars of one Mr. Wood, whom he found well affected in religion. His going into France was on account of his desire to see foreign countries. His intention to go to Edinburgh.

June 9. Southampton. 10. Thomas West and James Paget to the Council. Their lordships' instructions for keeping watch on the coast have been care-

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fully observed. Apprehension and examination of Francis Middleton, a very suspected person, returned out of France, and was there acquainted with Sir Thomas Tressam and his brother William. *Inclosing,*

10. I. *Examination of Francis Middelton, of Yorkshire, before John Crooke, Mayor of Southampton and others. His residence in France.*

10. II. *Deposition of Jehan Faillise, master of the ship, touching F. Middelton.*

June 9. Neath. 11. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Mr. Weston is at London. The melting goes well forward, but only wanting good store of rich ores. Will commence work again in eight or ten days.

June 11. London. 12. Sir Thos. Pullyson, Lord Mayor of London, to Walsyngham. Has taken bonds of all the cooks in London not to buy or sell any venison, nor to receive any venison to bake, without keeping a note of the names of the senders. The tabling-houses and taverns are greater receivers and destroyers of stolen venison than all the rest. *Incloses,*

12. I. *Form of the bond, in a penalty of 40l., given by each cook in London, not to sell any manner of venison, either within the city or without.*

June 12. London. 13. Same to same. Offers the services of a body of citizens to escort Her Majesty in her present short Progress, to protect her from the continual malice and mischievous purposes of the papistical faction against Her Majesty's person.

June 13. 14. Articles to be propounded unto the Spaniards, who were brought over from Bilbao in the ship of Alderman Bond. The purpose of the King of Spain's preparations by sea, the amount of his forces and levies in Spain, Italy, and elsewhere.

June 13. London. 15. Henry Kyllygrew and Arthur Atye to the Council. That they had examined apart the four Spaniards who were brought over in Alderman Bond's ship. *Inclosing,*

15. I. *The answer of Licenciado Francisco de Guevara, Lieutenant General to the "Corrigedor of Biscay," to the articles propounded by the Council.*

15. II. *The answers of John de Corrall, Alguaziil de la Contratation of Bilbao, and of Juan de Cannarte marinero de Portogalete, to the same articles.*

15. III. *Answers of Pedro de Villa Realle to the same.*

June 13. 16. Account of the weekly receipt of the Four Tellers of the Exchequer, from the sixth of June, 1585, unto the 13th of the same month.

June 15. Westminster. 17. Commission to William Lord Marquis of Winchester, and Henry Earl of Sussex, constituting them Lieutenants of the county

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of Southampton, to levy and arm the whole force of the shire, and to keep them in constant readiness to repel any invasion by a foreign enemy.

June 15. 18. James Forth to his parents. Desires their blessing, and to be remembered to his brethren and sisters. Has received some money of Myles G., and also of Mr. Worth.

June 16. 19. Extracts from the statutes of Trinity Coll., Cambridge: "De cubiculorum distributione;" "De sacerdotiorum collatione;" and decree of the Master and eight of the Seniors touching precedence. Latin.

June 19. Carisbrook Castle. 20. Sir Geo. Carey to Walsyngham. Has given order for all passengers towards Spain arriving at Portsmouth, the Cowes, or Hurst Castle to be stayed; and would take care that stricter charge should be kept. His readiness to be employed to do any service in this doubtful time.

June 20. Greenwich. 21. Commission to Bernard Drake, Esq., to proceed to Newfoundland to warn the English engaged in the fisheries there, of the seizure of English ships in Spain, and to seize all ships in Newfoundland belonging to the King of Spain or any of his subjects, and to bring them into some of the western ports of England, without dispersing any part of their lading until further orders.

June 20. 22. The Queen to the Inhabitants of Newfoundland engaged in the fisheries there; in effect as the preceding.

June 20. Dover. 23. John Hill to Walsyngham. The new sluice at Dover is now finished, and answers well. The other works proceed, but have been interrupted by stormy weather. 128 men are employed upon the works.

June 22. Paris. 24. Edmund Metcalfe to Mrs. Anne Brearton. Has received her letter enclosing a ring from his mother, and a crown in money. The price of her masks is three shillings. Expressions of regard.

June 22. Paris. 25. Same to Giles Grene. Has received his letter of the 7th of February, which gave him singular comfort. The natural desire to hold correspondence with those whom we love and esteem. Sees a great preparation for war, but for what end God knoweth.

June 22. Paris. 26. Same to same at Northumberland House. Writes at this time and sends letters, having so convenient a messenger.

June 22. 27. Clement Charde's confession of certain lewd speeches, the conversation he had heard between Mr. Meere and Mr. Drury about Mrs. Best, and the part taken by Mr. Lucas in bringing Meere to Mrs. Best's chamber.

June 22? 28. Petition of Robert Pyle to Sir F. Walsyngham. Charges against John Meere, in his conduct towards Mrs. Best, and contempt of Mr. Secretary's order that he should not visit her, did not hinder her from visiting him. His sorceries and threats against her,

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threatening to trouble her with the sight of the devil, unless she consented to his desires, &c. Pyle's resistance in defence of his mistress. Prays to be protected from the actions brought against him by Meere.

June 23. 29. Examination of John Meere, of Dorsetshire, student of the Temple and prisoner in the Fleet, examined before Tho. Randolph and Henry Kyllygrew by commission from Mr. Secretary, in relation to his conduct towards Mrs. Best. Being demanded if he had used any sorceries or witchcraft to trouble her with the sight of the devil, he denieth it wholly. Her light conduct with many persons.

June 23. 30. Examinations of John Bye, John Luttrelle, and William Legge, Papists, taken coming from the seas at Dungeness, within the liberties of Lydd. They each refuse to take the Oath of Supremacy.

June 23. 31–33. Three papers found upon Mr. Legge, all of which had been torn, and the fragments collected and pasted together again:—First, a letter to Mr. Legge, the signature torn off, to deliver some money to Edmond Smyth, or in his absence to Edmond Broad; second, receipt of Geoffrey Poole of the sum of 25*l.* from Anthony Fortescue for half a year's rent of Lordington in Sussex; third, a letter of directions to inquire of Mr. Welles for Mr. Lawrence Povey, at the Mermaid's Head in Fleet Street, or for Mr. Cocks, the writer being in want of money.

June 24. 34. A perfect Muster Roll of all such Soldiers as were mustered and trained by Oliver Cromwell, Esquire, captain of the said band, and John Oliver, muster master for the shire; with all such furniture as belong unto the said soldiers, as pipes, calivers, bows and arrows, within the Hundreds of Toseland and Hurstingston, in the county of Huntingdon.

June 24. 35. Note of matters to be had in consideration touching the further proceeding with the Earl of Arundel and other persons in the Tower. What may be further done with the Earl of Arundel and the Lord William Howard. Shelley to be examined as to the acquaintance of Giles Greene with the Earl of Northumberland's treasons. Case of the Lieutenant of the Tower.

June 25. Carisbroke Castle. 36. Sir George Carey to Walsyngham. Desires to know how Her Majesty intends to revenge the arrest of the English shipping and goods in Spain. Offers to fit out privateers at his own charges to make reprisal on the Spaniards. Offers of one Flud, a valiant and skilful pirate, to survey the coasts of Spain, and bring intelligence what preparations were making.

June 25. 37. Particulars of the Islands of Sheppey and Elmeley. Mr. Cromar's statement of his tenure of the Island of Elmeley.

June 26. Bishopsgate Street. 38. Christopher Hoddesdon to Walsyngham. Declines accepting the office [in Holland?] that has been offered to him by Her Majesty, unless he might have an allowance of 40*s.* a day.

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June 26. 39. Note of the special natures of munitions wanting in the store; with their remains at this present.

June 26. 40. Note of powder and saltpetre remaining on hand in the city of London.

June 26? 41. Deposition of Nynyan Challoner of the saying of Mr. Meere, that Mr. Secretary did not forbid Mrs. Best to visit him.

June 26 42. Examination of Thomas Drury, prisoner in the Fleet, touching Mr. Meere's contempt of Mr. Secretary's order, relative to Mrs. Best.

June 26. 43. Deposition of Tho. Lucas, prisoner in the Fleet, against Mr. Meere.

[June 26.] Greenwich. 44. The Council to the Lord Mayor of London. Indignation of the Queen at the infamous libels spread against the Earl of Leicester, of which most malicious and wicked imputations, Her Majesty, in her own clear knowledge, doth declare and testify his innocency to all the world. Her Majesty believes, in her conscience, that none but the devil himself could deem them to be true. Indorsed by Burghley, "1585, *a copy of a lrẽ wrytten by Hir Ma^ts. cõmād-ment to y^e Mayre of Londõ in defence of y^e Er. of Leicest^r.*

[June 26.] 45. Copy of the above.

June 28. 46. Note of things to be executed by the Lords Lieutenants of Counties:—Musters and training of the forces; to disarm ill-affected and suspected persons; watching the beacons; to erect a band of petronells; guarding the places of descent; trained shot on horseback.

June 28. 47-49. Orders to be observed by the Lords Lieutenants of Counties: similar to the above, but rather more detailed. [*Three copies.*]

June 29. Fleet Prison. 50. Clement Charde to Tho. Drury. The Warden's severe dealing towards him. Thanks him for his kindness. P.S. by Tho. Randolph and Henry Kyllygrew to Walsyngham, in behalf of Charde, whom they find greatly to be pitied.

June 30. Greenwich. 51. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to issue commissions of lieutenancy to various noblemen named, in certain counties, to levy, arm, and train the forces of those shires, and to keep them in constant readiness to repel any invasion or other emergency: with the commissions for that purpose, and for appointing Deputy Lieutenants under them.

June 30. 52. List of names of the Deputy Lieutenants in the counties enumerated in the preceding warrant.

June 30. 53. List of Lords Lieutenants in various counties, with their Deputy Lieutenants.

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June? 54. List of Lord Lieutenants for the Maritime Counties in 1585, compared with those in 1569.

June? 55. Orders to be observed by the Lieutenants of the Inland Counties:—general musters to be held, account of armour in store, &c. Every Justice of Peace to find two petronells on horseback.

June? 56. Form of Oath to be taken by every captain of the trained bands.

June? 57. List of the priviledged Cities and Towns in various counties in England. Fourteen out of the seventeen parishes in Bristol are in the county of Gloucester.

June. 58. A note of certain Commissions of Lieutenancy sent to Walsyngham from the Earl of Bedford, in two boxes; specifying his various commissions from the 14th of March, 1558, to the 4th of June, 1574. With the names of those thought most by the Earl to be in the letters of deputation. [*Probably sent up by the Earl in June*, 1585, *when new commissions were issued to the Lords Lieutenants of Counties, the Earl being then extremely ill. He died in July*, 1585.]

June? 59. Heads or proposition by Walsyngham, apparently submitted to the Queen, on the state of the defences of the realm, the strength of the Queen in treasure, and in the number of her subjects trained and armed for defence. With answers and observations upon each proposition, by some very high personage.

June? 60. Information of frauds and concealments committed in the Exchequer on the accounts of several sheriffs of Licolnshire, in the offices of Thomas Morrison and George Allington of the Pipe Office.

June? 61. Interrogatories (in Popham's hand) to be answered by Thomas Alfield, as to his knowledge of Bagshaw and Clowdsley, and the purport of various points in Alleyn's letters and writings.

June? 62. Names of the prisoners in the Tower, and by whom committed. The Earl of Arundel, Lord Wm. Howard, Thomas Somerset, Dr. Atslowe, and others.

June? 63. The names of certain Priests in various parts. Opinion of the Papists that Queen Elizabeth is not of ability to go through with the wars of the Low Countries. The wars in France. Proposition to put 3,000 men into Ostend.

June? 64. Book of the particular collection of the fifteenths and tenths out of all the Wapentakes within Kesteven Division, co. Lincoln.

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July 1? 1. Petition of Gyles Allen, son-in-law of the late John Scorey, Bishop of Hereford, to the Council, complaining of the ungodly,

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unnatural, blasphemous, and unlawful conduct of Sylvanus Scory, son of the late bishop, whilst his father was lying on his death bed, and who now prevents every one from performing the necessary offices to the dead corpse. Prays for their speedy order. [*Bishop Scorey died on the 25th of June*, 1585.]

July 2. 2. Articles ministered unto John Arurdell of Quarnacke, Cornwall, by John Wolton, Bishop of Exeter, and John Davye, Mayor of that city, touching any communication between him and the Earl of Arundel and the late Earl of Northumberland. His coming to London with a large sum of money, the number of his servants, and his knowledge of the intention of the Earl of Arundel to go beyond seas. With his answers to the same.

July 2. Court at Greenwich. 3. Sir Fr. Walsyhgham to Sergeant Fletewoode, Recorder of London. Directions to examine one Herle, prisoner in Newgate, charged with Fuliambe and Tunstall with a design for conveying away the Queen of Scots when she was in the Earl of Shrewsbury's custody. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *Articles to be ministered to John Herle, of Stanton Harcourt, co. Oxford, as to his knowledge of Godfrey Fulgiam, [or Fuljambe,] sometime solicitor to the Countess of Shrewsbury, and of a design for the escape of the Queen of Scots. July* 2.

July 3. 4. Alexander [Markland] to Alexander Forth, or Matthew Markland, in Wigan. Himself and James Forth are merry and in good health, but they are in want of money. Hopes to have letters at Thomas Worthington's coming over. Difficulty in conveyance of letters.

July 5. Neath. 5. Ulricke Frose to Robert Denham. Want a further supply of ore, for they have found out a way to melt 24 cwt. of ore per day in one furnace; the Lord be thanked. The ores of St. Ives are very hard; what those of St. Ust will do they long to see.

July 7. 6. Recorder Fletewoode to Walsyngham. Delay in transmitting to him the examination of John Herle. The bench at Newgate most humbly thank him for furthering the execution of Awfield [Thomas Alfield], who used himself most traitorously against Her Majesty. *Incloses,*

6. 1. *Answers of John Herle as to his knowledge of Fuljambe, and the design for escape of the Queen of Scots. July* 3.

July 7. 7. Examination of Francis Edwards, taken on his return from France, before Ralph Chauntler, deputy to the now Mayor of Chichester, and Francis Cox, preacher, Commissioners for the examination of passengers. Was a student at Rheims, and has had some relief from Goldwell, late Bishop of St. Asaph, now dead.

July 7. Greenwich. 8. The Council to the Lord President of Wales. In behalf of Wm. Proger, upon a very lamentable complaint against the abuses of Matthew Herbert and others. *Inclosing,*

8. 1. *The humble petition of William Proger against Mr. Matthew Herbert.*

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8. II. *The names of persons outlawed and indicted for wilful murders within the county of Monmouth, being uncles, cousins, servants, and followers of Matthew Herbert, Esq.*

July 7? 9. Petition of Wm. James, Yeoman of Her Majesty's chamber to the Privy Council, against Matthew and Charles Herbert and their followers, of whom he stood in danger of his life.

July 7? 10. An extract of all the matters wherein Wm. James doth charge Matthew Herbert and Charles Herbert.

July 7? 11. The answer of Matthew Herbert to the articles exhibited against him by William James, before the Privy Council, relative to the murder of John David Price. Murder of Henry Watkyn by Lucy Watkyn and her two sons, &c.

July 7. Minories. 12. Sir Wm. Pelham to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In favor of the bearer Mr. Foxall, who had sustained great losses by the King of Spain.

July 8. Barnes. 13. Robert Beale to Mr. William Davison. Has been confined to his chamber with sores eyes. Had received two letters from M. de Gotthem touching the matter of steel, and in reply has set down his reasons for the maintenance of his right.

July 8. 14. Memorandum concerning the jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty, being committed to the Judge of the Admiralty during the vacation of the office of Lord High Admiral.

July 9. 15. Articles set down by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Privy Council for those merchants, owners of ships, and others, whose goods have been arrested in Spain, and who have licence from the Lord Admiral to reprise upon the Spaniards: "upon the "first granting of the letters of reprisal."

July 10. 16. Interrogatories to be ministered to Richard Manye: of his absence abroad; his knowledge of Lord Paget and others.

July 10. 17. Examination of Richard Manye on his return from abroad. Particulars of his abode in France and knowledge of Lord Paget, Charles Paget, and Charles Arundell.

July 11. 18. Note of the sums of money, chested and not chested, in the hands of the four Tellers of the Exchequer.

July 11. London. 19. James Spencer to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires that Sylvester Bellowe may be re-examined before Mr. Wm. Heneage of Lincoln, as he stood bound for his appearance when called for.

July 11. Harrolston. 20. Sir Tho. Perrot to same. He has made search, but has not been able to apprehend James Price, whose dwelling-place is in Carmarthenshire, forty miles off.

July 11 & 12. 21. Examination of Morgan ap Rees and William ap Rees [or Price] relative to their knowledge of their brother James ap Rees, *alias* James Price.

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July 12. 22. Earl of Leicester to the Countess of Shrewsbury. Her Majesty has arranged with the Earl, her husband, that he should receive 500*l.* a year in land, and that the rest should be enjoyed by her and her children. Her Majesty has not forgotten her promise for the leases of the Peak Forest and Ashford.

July 12. 23. Lord Burghley to William Herlle. Thanks him for the intimation of certain malicious speeches which were circulated against him. Has long been afflicted with such kind of viperous breathings, and has borne the same patiently, leaving the revenge to Almighty God. Enters into some particulars of his dealings with the King of Navarre's Ambassador and the Hollanders. Has done nothing that becometh not an honest, faithful, and careful counseller.

July 15. 24. John Popham, Att.-Gen. to Walsyngham. Has perused the Bishop of Salisbury's grant of the Amnership (Queen's Almoner), and the charter of the Lord Lumley's liberties, and their respective claims to the deodands on the Earl of Northumberland's goods, who it was found did murder himself in the Tower.

July 15. Carisbrook Castle. 25. Sir Geo. Carey to same. Conference with Capt. Philip Hage, of Flushing, who had taken a Spanish prize laden with oranges, from whom he received two Spanish letters. Open war declared by the King of Spain against England. *Incloses,*

25. I., II. *Two letters in Spanish; one giving information of the declaration of war against England; the other, of the ill treatment of English merchants in Spain.*

July 15. Greenwich. 26. Order in Council for redressing the abuses and wrongs offered to the King of Denmark's subjects of Iceland, &c., by the Englishmen that fish there.

July 15. 27. Latin translation of the above.

July 15. Dover. 28. John Hill to Walsyngham. Has delayed writing till he could see somewhat more done. God be praised the works begin every day now to show more seemly. The Black Bulwark is now 50 feet in length, and the wall of Paradise finished 530 feet. Mr. Cary is returning. Two new small jetties of fagot-work in hand.

July 16. Tower. 29. Petition of Pat. Addye (Scotchman) to same. Desires that he may be set at liberty, having nothing left to support himself with. Implores him to consider his innocency and incredible calamity.

July 17. 30. Wm. Herlle to Burghley. Has received his letter. Seguris, the King of Navarre's Ambassador, has taken his leave disconcerted, but confessing that Burghley alone had dealt most honorably for his King. Exposes with great severity the evils that must ensue if Her Majesty pursue a weak or uncertain policy towards the Hollanders. On the other side, the popularity and advantages that would result from her undertaking the cause with energy and spirit. Position and contemptible character of King Philip; hateful

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to God, with an overweening opinion of his own greatness; a colossus outward, but inwardly stuffed with clouts. The Queen would be supported by Denmark and Germany, and thus put an end to the brainsick projects of the French King, who is both a coward and a beggar. Has spoken lately with Her Majesty on these subjects, but had not Cassandra's luck. God open her gracious eyes and strengthen her royal heart.

July 17. 31. Sir John Gilberte to Walsyngham. His brother, Adryan Gilberte, sent one Robert Smythe to him, a lewd practiser amongst the Jesuits, whom he has examined and committed to gaol. *Incloses,*

31. I. *Examination of Robert Smythe, whose dwelling-place was in London near Smithfield. His business in visiting Devon and Cornwall.*

July 17. 32. Examination and confession of Edw. Barber, a priest brought up out of St. John's College, Oxford, and afterwards went abroad and was made priest at Rheims. His return into England by permission of Dr. Allen, and commission from him to hear confessions and to reconcile others to the Church of Rome. His second journey abroad, return to England, arrival in London, and lodging in the house of Mr. Ferres, in Bishopsgate Street.

July 18. 33. Lord Burghley to Wm. Herlle. Thanks him for his very sensible discourse of the reasons that ought to induce, or rather to hasten Her Majesty to yield succours to all her friends and neighbours distressed. No counsellor uses more earnest speech than he does, and he is sure Her Majesty thinketh his speeches to have as great force as any, and yieldeth as overcome by argument; but yet, that which is natural to her sex hindereth resolution. Thanks him for imparting to him some matter relating to R[obert] C[ecill].

July 18. 34. Copy of the above.

July 19? 35. The Queen to the Lieutenant of the county of Bedford. Directs him to levy and arm a certain number of able men in that county, for service in the Low Countries, in a special expedition against Sluys and the port towns on the coast of Flanders.

July 19. 36. The same to Lord Norris and Sir Wm. Knollys, Dep. Lieuts. of Oxfordshire and Berkshire, to the same effect.

July 19. 37–40. The same to the Commissioners of Musters in the counties of Cambridge, Middlesex, Suffolk, and Sussex, to the same effect. [*Four copies.*]

July 20. Carisbrooke Castle. 41. Sir George Carey to Walsyngham. Has sent up Tho. Williams, formerly servant to Ambrose Bagnoll, who had passed over to the Continent being suspected in religion. Is sorry to learn the peace is concluded so greatly to the outward overthrow of the Protestants in France. Necessity of sending assistance to the Low Countries.

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July 20. Padua. 42. William Cecill (son of Sir Thomas Cecill) to his grandfather, Lord Burghley. Some particulars of the erection of the palace at Turin; a fragment. French.

July 21. Grant by the Queen to Ambrose Earl of Warwick and Sir Philip Sidney of the office of Master of the Ordnance conjointly, and to the survivor of them. [*See Dom. Jac. I., Vol.* iii., *No.* 62.]

July 22. 43. Requests of Mr. Norreys, touching the levying and arming of soldiers in the distant counties. Power of impressment to be given to the Justices. Desires that something may be done for him before his departure out of England.

July 22. Devizes. 44. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Wilts to the Council. They have put 200 men in readiness for Her Majesty's service and placed them under the command of William Baskervyle.

July 24. Nonsuch. 45. Burghley to Herlle. Thanks for his letter. Is content to bear patiently the scandals spoken against him. A lie once on foot cannot be stayed with any testimonies of truth. Project to gain Her Majesty 10,000*l.* a month, and Burghley another thousand. Thinks doubtfully of the project as far as regards the Queen, and utterly refuses anything for himself. Wishes Herlle better health and himself sounder eyes.

July 24. 46. Copy of the preceding.

July 26. The Bull's Head, Temple Bar. 47. Herlle to Burghley. Is sorry to hear he has sore eyes. Answers his letter touching certain scandals spoken against him. Many are convinced of his uprightness and integrity as a most honorable counsellor. Mr. Vice Chamberlain (Hatton) is now depraved [slandered] more than any man.

July 27. Barnes. 48. Robert Beale to Wm. Davison. Is sorry to understand that Monsr. Gotthem will not accept any of his offers touching the infringement of his patent for steel.

July 27. The Swan, Southwark. 49. S[ylvanus] Scory to the Earl of Leicester. That he had been brought up to London by a sergeant at the suit of his mother and Mr. Allen. Their corrupt practices against him, having conveyed away most of his evidences and six or seven thousand pounds. Desires that his suit may be tried at law. Complains of the doings of Edmund Colles and Lancelot Romney.

July 29. 50. Burghley to Herlle. Has delivered his letter to Her Majesty, who read it over twice advisedly. She then asked Burghley if he had heard of the King of Sweden's marriage. On answering in the negative, the Queen told him that she had had a renewal of an offer of marriage by an agent of the King of Sweden, since the news of Monsieur's death; but when the agent returned to that King he found him already married to one of his own country. Burghley's importunity with the Queen in Herlle's behalf. Had been slandered and falsely reported to the King of Scots. Satan himself could not invent more shameful lies.

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July 29. The Tower. 51. Note of ordnance delivered at various periods to certain persons, by warrant from Sir Fr. Walsyngham.

July 30. 52. Account of stores most needful to be provided for the Ordnance Office, with their values.

July 31. Temple Bar. 53. Herlle to Burghley. Thanks him for presenting his suit so favorably to Her Majesty. Statement of former rewards and allowances conferred on him by the Queen. The vile slanders against Burghley from Scotland are circulated by two agents:—one, Archibald Douglas, and the other by an instrument that presumes in the highest degree [Earl of Arran?], who holds intelligence at one instant with the Scottish Queen, the Scottish King, and even the Lady Arbella. His evil practices, undue influence, and ignoble origin.

July 31. Dover. 54. George Cary to Walsyngham. Report of the works for Dover Haven. Complains that his doings in these works were falsely represented. Evil report of the works by one Harte. Desires that James Warren and his brother, who had left their work at Dover in an unfinished state, may be punished. Requests a warrant for a buck from Odiham Park.

July 31. Dover. 55. John Hill to same. Has received letters. Progress of the works at Dover. The Treasurer begins to want money. *Incloses,*

55. I. *Certificate of the state of the works at Dover Harbour on the 30th July.*

July. 56. Note of the powder and munitions delivered to Sir Francis Drake, by force of a letter directed to the office of Ordnance, signed by Leicester, Walsyngham, and Sir Philip Sidney.

July. 57. Copy of the above and also a note of the stores and materials delivered out of the Ordnance office by order of Sir Phil. Sidney in anno 1585.

July. 58. Note of the natures of munitions most needful to be provided; showing the quantities of those remaining in store and the supply required.

July. 59. Examination of Edward Grant; touching the purchase of the book called "The Book of Meditations" of one Crowder, a prisoner in the Marshalsea. Desire of Mrs. Elizabeth Somervill to read that book, and who at last carried it away with her and so came to the hands of John Somervill, her brother.

July. 60. Instructions for the training of the bands raised in every county, regulating the consumption of powder, &c. The trainers to have the title of Corporals, to be appointed by the captains. Directions for the Muster Masters. Attested by William Waad.

July. 61. A clause added to the instructions of Council unto the Commissioners and Captains of the trained soldiers in the several shires,

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to be delivered to the Muster Masters of the said counties. Butts to be erected in some convenient place remote from the highway, for the practice of firearms. Attested by Waad.

July. 62, 63. Copies of the two preceding papers.

July. 64. Certificate of Recusants remaining in the Marshalsea, distinguished under the heads of Seminary Priests, Old Priests, and Laymen, with the dates of their several commitments.

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Aug. [1.] 1, 2. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters in several shires to put in readiness a certain number of men properly furnished with weapons, and to place them under the command of the bearers to be embarked for service in the parts beyond seas. [*Two copies.*]

Aug. [1.] 3. The Queen to the Commissioners of Musters in Wales? Directions to levy 200 men to be raised in the six south shires within the Principality, to be employed in the Low Countries.

Aug. 1. 4. Estimate of the charges of the new great bridge to be made, with the gates to the town of Portsmouth, including the amount of timber, sawing, and carpenter's work, iron work, and the mason's work. Signed by William Pers, Richard Popynjay, and Thomas Frymley.

Aug. 1. 5. An estimate of the charge for the fortification of the town of Portsmouth, according to the new plat. Signed by William Pers and Richard Popynjay.

Aug. 1. 6. Copy of the preceding.

Aug. 1. 7. Certificate of the names and surnames taken at the general musters and view of all able men in Casitor Sessions, in the Division of Lindsey, co Lincoln.

[Aug. 1.] 8. The names of the Lords and Freeholders of every town within Casitor Sessions in the Division of Lindsey, co. Lincoln. With certificate of the havens, creeks, and landing places within the same sessions.

Aug. 2. 9. Muster roll of the names of all the able men in the town of Stamford with St. Martins, fittest for martial service; taken the second day of August, by virtue of the warrant of the Earl of Rutland, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Lincoln.

Aug. 3. 10, 11. An estimate of the charge of the carpenter's and mason's work, for making of the new great bridge at the entrance of the town of Portsmouth. In duplicate.

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Aug. 3? 12, 13. An estimate of materials and cost for the bridge at the entrance of the town of Portsmouth, with the gate and drawbridge there. Signed, "*Thomas Frymleye.*" In duplicate.

Aug. 3? 14. Estimates set down by Tho. Frymleye, the master carpenter, for the building of the new storehouse, for a cooper's workshop, and for the repairing of the long storehouse at Portsmouth, that came from Porchester.

Aug. 4. 15. Herlle to Burghley. In behalf of a certain German to be dismissed attendance. Any relief now from Her Majesty would come very seasonably. Public opinion on the purchases made by Sir Tho. Cecill in sundry parts of the realm.

Aug. 4. 16. Account indorsed by Lord Burghley, "*Stonleys' Estate,*" showing the amount of treasure in the hands of Richard Stonley, a Teller of the Exchequer, with debts due to him, and of his losses in sundry ways; and being now in case to beg in his old days, being 65 years of age.

Aug 5. Dover. 17. George Cary to Walsyngham. Report on the works at Dover. Meeting of the Commissioners. Requests that 20*l.* may be distributed among the laborers by way of reward for their diligence.

Aug. 5. 18. Note of the wars in ancient and modern times which have been commenced unlawfully or without sufficient cause. Indorsed by Burghley, "*Aug. 5, 1585. D. Dale's answers.*"

Aug. 5. 19. A muster roll of the names of the ablest men in the Wapentake of Ness, co. Lincoln, as they were found upon the musters taken by Edward Hall and Francis Harington, Esquires, at Grantham, on the 5th of August.

Aug. 5. 20. The muster books of Grantham-cum-Soca, Lovedon, and Boothby Graftoo: with the names of the men, classed under lists of pikemen, shot, archers, billmen, and pioneers.

Aug. 5. 21. The names as well of Lords of Manors as of all and every the Freeholders within any of the said manors or towns, in the Wapentakes of Lovedon and Boothby Graftoo; and the assessment of the same for the first payment of the subsidy.

Aug. 5. 22. Certificate for the general musters for the Wapentake of Aveland, Kesteven Division, co. Lincoln, taken Aug. 5.

Aug. 5. Certificate of the general musters taken at Grantham on the 5th of August for the Wapentake of Winnibriggs and Thrahoe, co. Lincoln. [*See* 22 *Sept.* 1585. *Vol.* clxxxii., *No.* 28.]

Aug. 5. 23 Earl of Rutland to Robt. Carre, jun., directing the musters of the town of Boston to be taken separately: Sir Anth. Thorold, the Mayor, Mr. Carre himself, and Mr. Arthur Walpoole to carry it into effect.

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Aug. 6. 24. Lord Burghley to Herlle. Has spoken with the Queen in his behalf, and gives her answer. Has never received any letter by the Almain. Sends a warrant for a buck from Mortlake Park.

25. Copy of the preceding.

Aug. 7–9. 26. Collection of papers relating to the fortifications at Portsmouth. Instructions from the Council to Bryan FitzWilliams, sent down by the Queen's commandment to the Earl of Sussex and to Portsmouth, to inquire as to the decay of the fortifications. Estimates by William Spyser of works to be done there. Answer of John Mun, and note on Spyser's works, which were disapproved of by Sir Walter Raleigh. Offers of Capt. Wm. Pers for carrying on the works.

Aug. 8. Dover. 27. Commissioners for Dover Harbour to the Council. State the resolutions passed at the general meeting, for the improvement of the port. Part of the old crane head to be removed. Have remonstrated with the whole body of laborers. Signed by the Commissioners, and with the mark of Thomas Watson, mayor.

Aug. 10. 28. Examination of John Keene, late of Littlecott, co. Wilts, taken before Ric. Aldworthe, Mayor of Reading, about the stealing of sheep. Was one of those that kept possession of the Manor of Andviles for Mr. Skrivin, by appointment of his master Mr. William Darrell.

Aug. 10. Winckborne. 29. Earl of Rutland to Charles Lord Willoughby. Orders sent to Spittle and Caister Sessions relative to the musters, for the guidance of the Justices of Peace, and for them to return their certificate by the 15th of September. The like letter written to Sir Edw. Dymocke.

Aug. 11. 30. The charge of armour, weapons, and other furniture as well for the several towns as for gentlemen and private persons within Caister Sessions, set down and appointed by William Willoughby and William Wraye, Esquires, and other Justices of Peace within the said sessions.

Aug. 11? 31. Muster roll of the names of the men appointed to the "armours" of corslets, calivers, and bows in Louth Sessions, co. Lincoln.

Aug. 11. Temple Bar. 32. Herlle to Burghley. Thanks for his warrant for a buck. Has given answer to and dismissed the Allmaign. Thanks him for remembrance of his suit. He has entered into a sea of Scottish causes. Expressions of rage and indignation against Burghley for his extensive buildings equal to King's palaces, for the friendship of his son with the rebellious house of Northumberland, and his maintenance of spies abroad. Speaks in the behalf of Acerbo Velutelli.

Aug. 11. Newark. 33. Earl of Rutland (?) to the Justices of Peace within the parts of Lindsey. To make provision for their proportion of the 150 men to

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be returned for the county of Lincoln, and to place them under the charge of Mr. John Borough; every man to have his cassock and Venetian hose of red cloth, 20*s.* each for conduct money, and 12*d.* a day each till they come to Hull.

Aug. 12. Christchurch. 34. William Davison to Walter Travers. Desires him to return a book that he had lent him. The Commissioners [for Holland] had taken their leave, and were on the point of departing.

Aug. 12. Cirencester. 35. Sir Nich. Poyntz, Anthony Hungerford, Sheriff, and the rest of the Justices of Gloucestershire, to the Council. They have put in readiness the 300 soldiers required, and placed the whole number under the command of Captain Baskervile, to be conducted to London, Captain William Cycill being absent.

Aug. 12. 36. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. Requests him to favor the suit of the Lord Chancellor to Her Majesty, being but to the amount of 38*l.* by the year. Beseeches him also to remember the poor young Earl of Bedford, whose lands had been granted by the Queen to him and his brother the Earl of Warwick, as well as the custody of his body; all which, God willing, shall be to the young man's benefit.

Aug. 12. 37. Same to same. Further presses him to obtain a warrant from Her Majesty that he and his brother may send for the young Earl of Bedford, as they had great reason to fear for his good estate where he is. His brother desires also to have the stewardship of St. Alban's, and the office of Keeper of Kings Langley Park.

Aug. 13. 38. Muster roll of the names of the 150 soldiers levied in Kent and delivered to Mr. John Scott by Mr. Edw. Beecher, embarked at Gravesend in the ship Flowers of Comfort, for Flanders.

Aug. 13. 39. The poor Tenants of South Wraxall, in Wiltshire, to their master and landlord in the fear of God, Sir Fr. Walsyngham; complaining of John Myson, of Southwraxall, a very ungodly, unquiet, and irreligious man, who doth daily molest, trouble, and horribly abuse his honest neighbours, and (being void of God's grace) most wickedly behaveth himself, by earnestly seeking the unlawful use of divers honest men's wives and servants. *Inclosing,*

39. I. *Certain special articles against John Myson, testified under the hands of divers witnesses.*

39. II. *The confirmation of the special articles exhibited against John Myson, certified by Sir John Young and William Brouncker.*

Aug. 14. 40. Memoranda in Lord Burghley's hand of public business. Money for the works at Portsmouth. The instructions for Wales to be signed. Congé d'élire for Dr. Herbert Westfaling to be Bishop of Hereford, and Dr. Hugh Bellott to be Bishop of Bangor. Commissioners for survey of the Isle of Sheppey.

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Aug. 14. 41. Sir Tho. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, to the Council. Has taken order with the Sergeant of the Admiralty for the embarkation of the soldiers going to Flanders and who had that day departed. Transmits the indentures of the captains, containing the names of the 500 men sent from London, except one indenture reserved to be sealed by Capt. Thomas Maria Wingfield.

Aug. 14. 42. Burghley to Herlle. Justifies himself from the vile, false, and devilish exclamations and execrations against him. Has used all diligence to persuade Her Majesty to assist the Low Countries and favor the King of Scots. Confutes the slanders that England had become *Regnum Cecilianum*; that his buildings at Theobalds, in Westminster, and at Burleigh had been beyond his station; and of the intimacy of his son with the Earl of Northumberland. In a postscript he answers to a notable, absurd, manifest lie,—*that Counsellors are forced to seek at his hands means for their suits.*

Aug. 14. 43. Copy of the above. [*On the back of this copy is pasted what appears to be a portion of an envelope, on which is the following note in Burghley's hand.* " Lrēs to Wm. Herle frō y^e^ L. Burghley, " L. Tresorer of Englād, found amōgst his wrytȳges and brought to " y^e^ Erle of Lecester aft^r^ y^e^ deth of Herle." *The letters were those of the 18th, 24th, and 29th July, 1585, the 6th of August and this one of the 14th of that month; as will be apparent on reference to those dates. But it is probable that the subsequent letters of the 21st of August, two of the 24th, and three of the 28th of that month were also included in the same envelope.*]

Aug. 15. Dover. 44. George Cary to Walsyngham. As the summer is passing away, and he is desirous to return to his own country, he wishes all things at Dover may be left in good order. Hopes the works will make better progress the next summer. Sends up Mr. Wyndebank to give an account of the state of the works, and to receive further instructions.

Aug. 15. Dover. 45. John Hill to same. Progress of the works. Receipt of 200*l.* from Mr. Customer Smythe, for the works. Requests the return of the Commissioners consent for taking away part of the crane head.

Aug, 15. 46. Anne Countess of Arundel to same. Thanks him for his former favors, and desires to have liberty to reside in some of her husband's houses. [*Mutilated.*]

Aug. 16. 47. Estimate for the fortifications of the town of Portsmouth, according to the new plat; to be taken in hand and finished this year.

Aug. 16. 48. Depositions of Valentine Wood and Tho. Norton, relative to an affray between Mark Anthony Bassano, one of Her Majesty's musicians, and certain soldiers without Aldgate, near the Bars. Opprobrious words uttered by Bassano against the soldiers, then on the point of departure for Flanders. Bassano in danger of being slain, the soldiers thinking him to be a Spaniard.

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Aug. 17. 49. An abstract of the articles passed from the Queen's Majesty to Sir F. Walsyngham, for the farming of all the Customs, subsidy, and other duties for all manner of goods within the ports of Plymouth, Exeter, Poole, Bristol, Bridgewater, Gloucester, and others.

Aug. 17. 50. Another abstract of the above grant.

Aug. [17.] 51. Orders to be observed in the ports whereof the Customs are demised to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, the Queen's Principal Secretary.

Aug. 17. London. 52. John Wanton, Searcher at Gravesend, to Walsyngham. Informs him of the embarkation of the 150 soldiers levied in Sussex for Flanders. They were very poorly and meanly set forth in every respect, and some carried their furniture and armour on their backs 50 or 60 miles.

Aug. 18. London. 53. Richard Young to Lord Burghley. Account of the entries of the export trade of the merchants of the Stillyard during certain years, and the rate of custom paid by them.

Aug. 18. 54. Note of remembrance to Lord Burghley on the behalf of the Countess Dowager of Sussex; that some reasonable order may be come to with the present Earl of Sussex, for the adjustment of divers matters relating to her property and maintenance, called in question by the Earl.

Aug. 19. Ems. 55. Ro. Hanmer and Thomas Leventhroppe to Lady Morley. Occurrences of their journey to Rouen and Dieppe. The Earl of Bedford is dead, and gone to his great master the devil, and his son is likewise despatched in a conflict with the Scots. Great fear in England, which is to be rejoiced at. The hearts of the French and English heretics are as dead as blocks. The Duke of Aumale is at hand, and soldiers are to be put in garrison in the port towns on the English coasts. Advise her to be merry, for the time of her deliverance is at hand.

Aug. 21. 56. Herlle to Burghley. Has received his letter of yesterday and is sorry for his ill health. Affairs of Antwerp. Sufficient attention has not been given to the condition of the English forces sent into the Low Countries. Burghley's late long letter is a very glass to make all slanderers ashamed. *Incloses,*

56. I. *Copy of part of his letter to Walsyngham, narratiug the capture of Antwerp by the enemy; and the probable betrayal, by sale, of the town of Sluys.*

Aug. 22. 57. Petition of the Company of the Merchant Adventurers, to the Council concerning the trade of the Merchants of the Hanze Towns. Decree of Lubeck for abrogating their trade to Hamburgh.

Aug. 28. 58. Muster roll of the soldiers embarked at Southampton under the charge of David Powell, lieutenant to Edw. Morgan, Esq., Attested by John Crooke, mayor, and others.

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Aug. 23. London. 59. Sir Tho. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, to Walsyngham. Thanks him for representing to the States of Holland the losses he has sustained from the pirates of Flushing. Is most desirous for the advancement of the lottery, and requests letters to proceed generally with the whole City for that purpose.

Aug. 24. 60. Lord Burghley to Mr. Herlle. Has been friendly informed that he made ostentation of his greatness with him, and sent all his letters abroad in the City. Informs him that such doings cannot be permitted, and desires his letters to be returned.

Aug. 24. 61. Herlle to Lord Burghley. In answer to the above. Has always dreaded, in doing good offices, that he should be crushed between the hammer and the anvil. Assures him that such charges were perfectly unfounded, and desires him to suspend his judgment till he should have an interview with him; is in ill health, and yesterday had a bath of herbs to strengthen and quicken him.

Aug. 25. 62. The Queen to the Justices of Assize in the county of Norfolk, and others. Order for the release of Lady Lovell and Robert Lovell, her son, from their imprisonment for cause of conscience.

Aug. 25. Gray's Inn. 63. Francis Bacon to Walsyngham. Desires him to remember his suit to Her Majesty. Thinks the objection of his years will wear away with the length of his suit. By the stay, he is hindered from taking a course of practice, which by the leave of God he must and will follow.

Aug. 25. 64. Muster roll of the soldiers levied within the county of Lincoln, and embarked at Kingston-upon-Hull, under the command of John Borough, Esq., for service in the parts beyond seas. Certified by William Wilson, Mayor of Hull.

Aug. 27. Greneway. 65. Sir John Gilberte to Walsyngham. Has provided at Dartmouth shipping for the transportation of the 300 soldiers of Devonshire, for the service in the Low Countries. Requests a letter of commendation to the Mayor and Corporation of Dartmouth for their readiness in that service.

Aug. 27. Greneway. 66. Same to the Council. Certifies the embarkation for Flushing of the 300 soldiers under Capt. Emanuel Lucar, furnished by Devon, at Dartmouth, on the 25th of August.

Aug. 27. 67. A true note of all such sums of money as the Inhabitants of Harwich have disbursed for victualling and embarking of 310 masterless men, for the service in the Low Countries.

Aug. 28. From Mr. Lee's House at Stonley. 68. Leicester to Walsyngham. Learns from his letter that Her Majesty had sent Mr. Wade and Mr. Davison to Holland, and had promised to send over some nobleman to be their chief, whom Walsyngham thought would be himself. Assures him of his readiness to obey Her Majesty's commands in the cause that concerns both God and Her Majesty. Wishes his life were a hundred thousand

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lives to employ in her service. She must carry on the war with vigor, otherwise it would prove disastrous. Has had a fall from his horse, and cannot yet pull his boot on.

Aug. 28. Cobham Hall. 69. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Perceives that Her Majesty has resolved to enter into this action of Holland and Zealand. States his opinion on several points for carrying on the war there with vigor. Ships to be sent immediately to keep possession of the river between Lillo and Flushing. Desires instructions as to certain exemptions from furnishing lances and light horses.

Aug. 28. 70. Herlle to Burghley. Intended to wait on him yesterday, but was told by Mr. Spencer that he had taken physic. Desires him to make further inquiries into the truth of the accusations against him touching the circulating of his letters. His lordship's servant Owen has a brother employed by the Prince of Parma to furnish him with intelligence, and that he is as dangerous a person as Morgan is in France. Rowland York is a condemned knave to this State.

Aug. [28.] 71. Burghley to Wm. Herlle. Is confirmed in the information he has received that Herlle had ostentatiously displayed Burghley's private letters to him, and therefore insists upon having them returned. Denies having a servant named Owen, brother to the Owen beyond seas. Has a faithful servant named Owen Thomas, who for the Queen's service would be a hangman to the other Owen. Present great sickness of Lady Burghley.

Aug. 28. 72. Herlle to Lord Burghley. Desires to answer by speech to his last few lines, when the sickness of Lady Burghley will permit. The letters he has received from Burghley are so honorable they might be exposed to the whole world, but according to his desire he will return them, and wishes his own letters sent back. Confesses that Burghley's servant Owen is as honest a person as ever served nobleman.

Aug. 29. Barnet. 73. Robert Beale to Walsyngham. Reports his endeavours to arrange matters between the Merchant Adventurers and the Merchants of the Stillyard, particularly with regard to the residence of the former at Hamburgh. Letter of the Earl of Sussex concerning pirates. Sir Philip Sidney's warrant for transporting iron ordnance. A grave matter between a son of Walter Fisher and one Browne; the latter would not pay his creditors, and was determined to go to sea with Sir Francis Drake.

Aug. 29. Dover. 74. John Hill to same. Has received his packet. The works proceed, and there will be no material change before Michaelmas, when many laborers will be discharged. There is some seeking after the office for keeping the sluices.

Aug. 30. London. 75. Richard Young to same. Report touching the trade of the merchants of the Hanze Towns; that they exported yearly by licence 8,000 white cloths, which number had been augmented by 3,000 more. Writes in the behalf of a poor priest named Vennys, *alias* Middleton.

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Aug. 30. Yarmouth. 76. Roger Drury and Wm. Musgrave, bailiffs of Yarmouth, to the Earl of Leicester and Sir Fr. Walsyngham; desiring to be repaid the sum of 347*l.*, expended by them for the charges of the 400 soldiers of Norfolk and Suffolk embarked at Yarmouth for Holland.

Aug. 31. 77. Earl of Warwick to Walsyngham. Thanks for the favor he has always shown towards him and his poor afflicted wife. Marvels much that Her Majesty should not think the wardship of her nephew, the young Earl of Bedford, as well bestowed upon her ladyship, as upon any one else in England.

Aug. 31. 78. Edward Barker to same. Examination of Allen Eglambie. The man is an obstinate Papist, but other special matter is not likely to fall out against the party. Sends also the examinations of Hethfeild and Errington; the former seemeth very sorrowful, and on his knees promised amendment and reformation. Suspicions of John Carre, the postmaster of Newcastle. *Incloses,*

78. I. *The examination of Allen Eglambie, taken the 26th of June before Edw. Unton and Tho. Parrye, Esquires.*

78. II. *The examination of the same, taken the 30th of August, before Edw. Barker, in the Gatehouse. Urges his loyalty to the Queen, but confesses to being a Catholic.*

78. III. *Examination of George Errington, taken in the Tower Aug. 30. Conveyance of money and letters abroad; refuses to attend church.*

78. IV. *Examination of Robert Hethfeild, of Newcastle, merchant, examined by Edw. Barker Aug. 30.*

78. V. *The confronting and examination of George Errington and Robert Hethfeild in the Tower of London Aug. 31. Their acquaintance with each other, and conveyance of letters. Repentance of Hethfeild and his promise to become a new man in matters of religion.*

Aug. 79. Note of munition and provision very needful to be had for furnishing of Tynemouth Castle, being thereof altogether destitute.

Aug. 80. A remembrance of matters by Robert Ardern, Customer of Berwick, very necessary to be considered of by Sir Francis Walsyngham, for the Custom House, having the same to farm from Her Majesty; particularly with regard to alien's duties. Walsyngham to have the direction of William Tipper's grant of the office of Hostage in all the ports.

Aug. ? 81. Notes touching the suit of Arnold Oldisworth, for grant of the office of Steward of the Stannary Court of Blackmore, being now in Her Majesty's hands, to grant, either by itself or with the Wardenship of the Stannaries.

Aug. ? 82. Petition of Francis Hubard to Walsyngham (?). Charges against John Rowse, Esq., Justice of the Peace in co. Worcester, for concealing a letter or writing treating of the Pope and Cardinals of Rome,

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known to be in his possession, and for many vexatious suits in law against the petitioner, on account of his giving information of the same.

Aug. 83. The Judge of the Admiralty, Sir Jul. Cæsar, in answer to the complaints of the French, of depredations committed by English pirates, particularly the complaint of Peter Chambellan and his proctor Geffrey Priour.

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Sept. 1? Wednesday, in bed to rest me. 1. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. Laments the lost state of the Low Countries, and only for want of timely relief. Is willing to accept the command of the forces, but thinks that the other nobleman named was far above himself. Will go with the best force he can make, although the Queen may mislike it. Sends to him a letter he has received from the Queen, who ever takes occasion, by his marriage, to withdraw any good from him. [*This letter is indorsed 3rd September, but Wednesday fell on the 1st of that month, and the treaty for increase of the auxiliary forces for the Low Countries, dated on the 2nd of September* (*Galba*, c. viii., *No.* 59), *was evidently after the writing of this letter.*]

Sept. 1. 2. Warrant to permit the bearer, Robert Bowklay, after his release from prison, to go down into Staffordshire, from thence to Sumberby in Lincolnshire, and then to return to London.

Sept. 4. Tower. 3. Christopher Bagshaw, prisoner in the Tower, to the Council. States the hardness of his case, and prays to be released. Has ever been free from all practices against Her Majesty.—"Perused by me, "Owyn Hopton."

Sept. 4. Tower. 4. The same to Walsyngham. Desires him to favor his suit to the Council, for his release.—"Perused by me, Owyn Hopton."

Sept. 4. The Court. 5. Walsyngham to Burghley. Sends by Mr. Vicechamberlain's desire a device for the safety of merchant ships in this time of jealousy. Has given a copy of the Act to the Commissioners of the Low Countries to be signed and sealed by them. Will dispatch the commission for survey of the Isle of Sheppey.

Sept. 4. 6. Burghley to Walsyngham. Has perused, signed, and sealed the covenant for aid of the Low Countries, and sent it to the Earl of Leicester. Desires that Mr. Norries and Mr. Davison should confer how the 4,000 English soldiers may be increased to 5,000 without new levies. Increase of horsemen. Survey of the Isle of Sheppey. —"Scribbled, with a weary head, in my bed."

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Sept. 6. Coventry. 7. William Eborne, Mayor, and Burgesses of Coventry to [Walsyngham?]. That they were exempt by their charter from liability to contribute towards the charge of levying the 250 for the county of Warwick, without special commission from Her Majesty.

Sept. 7. 8. Note of the charges disbursed by Edward Haynes, of Exeter, for furnishing the ship called La Volante, late of St. Mallos, fitted out by him as a privateer against Spain, under letters of reprisal from the Council.

Sept. 8. 9. Declaration of John Leichpoole, sub-sheriff of Berkshire, notifying the imprisonment of Wm. Higgs, for matters of conscience only, and not upon any execution.

Sept. 8. 10. Examination of Anthony Dodsworth, servant to Mr. Percey of Gray's Inn, touching the hanging up in chains of an image of wood called Robin Hood, at Tyburn, by Mr. Terrett, Mr. Punter, Mr. Bassano, and others, visitors in his master's chambers.

Sept. 9. London. 11. Sir Thos. Pullyson, Lord Mayor, to Walsyngham. Has made inquiry for the person at whose suit the French Ambassador's priest had been imprisoned for debt, but he could not be found. Had entertained the Ambassador at his house with courtesy, but who had demeaned himself unhonorably and threatened to give information against him to Her Majesty.

Sept. 10. 12. Report of the cause between Anthony Bowrne, Esq., and Mr. Thurburne the attorney of Barnard's Inn. Mr. Bowrne submits himself to the order of the Lord Chamberlain and Sir Fr. Walsyngham.

Sept. 12. Sheffield. 13. Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Has heard the parties in the controversy between Francis Leeke and Geoffrey Foljambe.

Sept. 12. 14. Examinations of Roger Baytes and Richard Coxe, as to their knowledge of an unknown person come from beyond seas, and received into the house of Sir Christopher Allen.

[Sept. 14.] 15. Names of the gentlemen apprehended and taken in Mons. Joyeu's ship: William Norton, Edmond Denne, and others.

Sept. 14. 16. Examination of Wm. Norton, Edmond Denne, and Arthur Stradlinge. Norton had his exhibition of his uncle Mr. Shelley, now in the Tower; then went to Rouen to Ric. Guilford, another uncle. Denne had served the Prince of Parma.

Sept. 14. 17. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. 15. 18. Confession of Edward Dodwell. Rejoices at his apprehension, as he was driven to this unlawful voyage by distress. *Sterrell, alias* Kerbye, is a master of arts at Oxford, and acquainted with the French Ambassador. Interview with the Ambassador, who promised to support him and Norton in their enterprise. Professes himself to be an enemy to all priests, and promises to apprehend many suspected persons in London. Addresses himself to Mr. Waad and entreats his favor.

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Sept. 18. 19. Substance of the examinations of William Norton, Arthur Stradlinge, George Williams of Jesus College, Oxford, William Byfielde, Edward Dodwell, of Exeter College, Oxford, and Edmond Denne; all taken on board the French Ambassador's ship on her return to France.

Sept. 18. 20. Certificate of the Survey of the Landing-places within the Hundreds of the New Forest and Christ Church, from Southampton to Hurst Castle.

Sept. 19. Beaupree. 21. John Peyton to Walsyngham. It being generally reported that he would be appointed to serve in the Low Countries, many young gentlemen, to the number of 48 persons, had offered to serve under him on horseback or on foot without any expense to Her Majesty. Desires to be informed in time, to settle his private affairs, if the report be true.

Sept. 19. 22. Petition of Richard Pearsey, John Ealande, and John Raynes, to the Council; to have letters of reprisal against Spain for goods lost by them in Portugal when Don Antonio was overthrown; and that the suit of Ruy Gonsalva in the English courts against them may be stayed.

Sept. 20. Cobham Hall. 23. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Sends up Josias Beltham, and such letters as were found about him. Has received the letter from the Council for the sending up of the gentlemen stayed at Dover. Desires to know if the Vice-Admiral of Sussex shall deal in the affairs of the Cinque Ports.

Sept. [21?] [Tuesday?] 24. Earl of Leicester to same. The Queen is very desirous to stay his journey to Holland. She is doubtful of herself by reason of her often disease, and last night worst of all. She used very pitiful words to him, and fears she shall not live, and would not have him from her. He endeavoured to comfort her as much as he could. Begs Walsyngham to send word to his wife that he cannot be in London before Thursday.

Sept. 22. Leyghton Bewdesert. 25. Christopher Hoddesdon to same. Transmits a ballad which he thought had been published with no good intent, to the discomfort of the godly and encouragement of the wicked.

Sept. 22. 26. Lord Cobham to same. Sends letters from his cousin, Mr. Wyllughby, with examinations taken by him relative to transactions at Sir Christopher Allen's house. Sir C. Allen deplores his hard hap, that these bruits should be spread of him. *Incloses,*

26. I. *Tho. Wyllughby to Lord Cobham, Lord Lieutenant of Kent. Reports his proceedings in the examinations relating to Sir Chr. Allen. Had searched Lady Allen's chamber, but found no relics there. Will make search at Sir Walter Waller's, both for Lassells and also for Mr. Charles Allen. Ightham, 21 September. Incloses,*

26. II. *Memorandum of the speeches uttered by Wm. Petley to Thomas Wyllughby, Esq., at Ightham, in Kent, against*

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the character of Sir Christopher Allen, that he kept a vile and papistical house, and had received a messenger from Lord Paget and Charles Paget. Sept. 20.

26. III. *Examination of Roger Baytes as to the arrival of a strange gentleman at the house of Sir Chr. Allen, and the information given by Coxe, servant to Sir Christopher. September* 20.

26. IV. *Examination of Richard Cox, as to the arrival of Mr. Lassells, sometime my Lady Waller's man.*

26. V. *Examination of Lady Allen. Arrival of Chris. Lassells at her house, and his departure with her son.*

Sept. 22. Dover. 27. Edw. Stephens to Lord Cobham. Has had conference with Dodswell, who disclosed that Kerby, a master of arts in Oxford, was the chief practiser with Mons. Mauvissier, who had shown to Kerby divers letters of the Queen of Scots. The boy William Wayfyld sent over covertly to Rheims by his father, who would outwardly disown him if he were stayed. Dodswell has promised to reveal much. Norton has written to Shelley now in the Tower.

Sept. 22. 28. Certificate of the general musters taken at Grantham the 5th day of August 1585, for the Wapentake of Winnibriggs and Thrahoe: and the certificate of the Lords and Freeholders in the same Wapentake, Kesteven Division, co. Lincoln; made the 22d day of September 1585.

Sept. 23. London. 29. Alderman Edward Osborne to Walsyngham. Desires, on behalf of the Turkey Company, Her Majesty's answer to the letters from the Grand Signior, and sends the purport of what the Company wish to be written.

Sept. 23. Newark. 30. Earl of Rutland to the Mayor of Boston, Mr. Robert Carre, and others. Has received their certificate and other papers relating to the musters of their town, and the Holland Division of the county. Requires their certificate to be amended, and appoints a meeting on the 3d of October at Belvoir, on the business of the havens and ports of Lincolnshire.

Sept. 23. Cobham Hall. 31. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Sends up certain gentlemen, who on being searched no store of money was found amongst them. Edw. Dodswell is acquainted with all the seminary priests. Information about Kerby, who haunts Mons. Mauvissier's house; five seminary priests, by name Warner, Harte, the two Gerrards, and Morrice, of late come over to England.

Sept. [24 ?] Northall. 32. Leicester to same. Her Majesty has now resolved on his going over, but she was loth to give the sentence thereof herself. Now, he shall use all possible means for his expedition, being sorry this was not known a month sooner. Desires to be supplied with all things meet for her honor. Will be at London to-morrow. Is greatly encouraged by Her Majesty's gracious dealing with him yesterday. [*This appears to have been answered by Walsyngham on the 27th of September. Harl. MSS.* 285, *fol.* 133.]

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Sept. 24. Hawghe. 33. Charles Bolle to Sir Edw, Dymocke, High Sheriff of Lincoln. Certificate of the havens and creeks in the Wapentakes of Ludborough and Louth Eske, and Calseworth, co. Lincoln.

Sept. 24. 34. Tho. Wyllughby to Lord Cobham. Has been to Groombridge and found Sir Walter Waller absent in London, but that he had examined Lady Waller. Christopher Lassells and Charles Allen were departed thence. Complains that his letters; directed to his lordship, had been intercepted and opened by Lord Abergavenny, who insisted upon having the prisoner, Sir C. Allen's cook, brought before him. Ill conduct of Nicholas Miller, the constable of Wrotham. *Incloses,*

34. 1. *The Examination of Lady Waller as to the resort of Christopher Lassells and Charles Allen to Groombridge; their departure, supposed into Essex to Lady Walgrave's.*

Sept. 25. Tower. 35. Wm. Creychtoun, the Scotch Jesuit, prisoner in the Tower, to Walsyngham. Thanks for the degree of liberty already shown him and for the improvement in his diet. Thinks it is a merciful Providence that by his restraint he has been prevented from returning to Scotland. Regrets the detention of his poor companion, Mr. Addye.

Sept. 25. Tower. 36. Edmond Neville (signed Latimer), prisoner in the Tower, to the Earl of Leicester. Assures him of his loyalty, and protests before the Majesty of God that towards the Queen he has never had an unreverend thought, much less a disloyal deed. He had only written a letter of credit in favor of a subject of that King [Philip] that was once his master, and to whom he was still a vassal. Requests to have the liberty of the Tower on account of his health.

Sept. 25. Tower. 37. Same to Walsyngham. Has no doubt he has been informed of what has passed between his accusers and him. Assurance of his loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty. Desires to have the liberty of the Tower.

Sept. 25. 38. A perfect Muster Roll of all such soldiers as were mustered and trained by Sir Richard Dyer, Captain of the band, and John Oliver, Muster Master for the county of Huntingdon.

Sept. 25. 39, 40. Certificate of the Commissioners for Survey of the sea coasts between Hooks Point and Stoke Bay. Facilities for defence of the country against an enemy. In duplicate.

Sept. 25 ? 41. Map of the outline of the coasts of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, from Southsea Castle and Portsmouth to Portland; with a note of the landing places and the persons and numbers of men appointed to guard them.

Sept. 26. London. 42. Raffe Bowes to Walsyngham. To show that he is not only a falconer but has a hawk that can well kill of the biggest and fast flying partridges, he sends him the fruit of his yesterday's travail;

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hoping that if old Mychell's office fall shortly vacant, he may be appointed to it. Complains of the issue of a warrant to arrest his cousin, John Markham, and of the ill conduct of the officers sent to execute it.

Sept. 26. Cobham Hall. 43. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Sends up certain papers found about Aart Van Bronckhorst, a follower of Mons. Mauvissier. Charles Allen has returned into the country, and said that he had appeared and had been discharged.

Sept. 27. London. 44. Sir Owyn Hopton, Ralph Rokeby, and Tho. Wylkes, to same. Report their proceedings in the examination of Vandermast upon certain speeches informed of by Capt. Bornstra, containing matters of dangerous suspicion. They forbear to put Vandermast to the torture until they receive further directions. *Inclosing,*

44. I. *Substance of the speeches uttered by Jacques Vandermast to Captain Bornstra. September* 25.

Sept 27. Dover. 45. John Hill to same. The appointed works at Dover for the summer being brought to some perfection, he has discharged many of the laborers. It is necessary to remove the remaining portion of the old crane head.

Sept. 27. Maidstone. 46. Tho. Randolph to same. Requests that Mr. Tho. Fludde, surveyor of Kent, may be joined in the Commission for the Isle of of Sheppey.

Sept. 27. London. 47. Arthur Champernowne to same. Resolution of Her Majesty not to permit any English ships to serve the King of Navarre, because of unfurnishing the realm. Many owners of ships have offered to serve under him in this voyage, if permission could be obtained from the Council for that purpose.

Sept. 27. 48. Memorandum of the speeches of Mr. Wyseman and others, Commissioners for matters of Piracy, at Lyme Regis, relative to John Ley and John Hassard.

Sept. 28. London. 49. Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Applies to him on the part of the Earl of Leicester, who desires to borrow 25,000*l.* for his expedition into the Low Countries, on security of the City of London. Italian.

Sept. 28. Cobham Hall. 50. Lord Cobham to same. Sends him a note of certain words said to have been spoken by Sir Walter Waller and reported by Jeffrey Downes. Examination of Lady Waller. Thanks him for the French news, though he liketh them not. *Incloses,*

50. I. *Depositions of Thos. Potter and Jeffrey Downes, as to certain words uttered by Sir Walter Waller, that Lord Paget, Charles Paget, and the other fugitives would join Parma in Flanders, and had parcelled out the English captains, now going over, as their prisoners.*

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Sept. 29. North Hall. 51. Anne Countess of Warwick to Walsyngham. Puts him in remembrance of the cause of her nephew the young Earl of Bedford.

Sept. 29. 52. Certificate of corn and grain shipped from Feversham from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist to Michaelmas then next following.

Sept. 29. 53. Declaration of the debts behind and unpaid of the Receivers of the Exchequer, for the year ending Michaelmas 1585.

Sept. 29. London. 54. R. Brakinburye to Walsyngham. Desires him to be favorable to his son, Mr. Bond, whose house he had formerly hired, and it was now wanted by the Legier Ambassador.

Sept. 30. 55. Latin verses by Daniel Rogers in praise of Nonsuch, the flower and pride of Surrey.

Sept. Nonsuch. 56. The Queen to the Lord Chancellor, in the behalf of George, Thomas, and Gilbert Yorke, of Ashby in the county of Lincoln, to issue a commission of bankruptcy for the better levying of the debts due to them.

Sept. ? North Hall. 57. Earl of Warwick to Walsyngham. In favor of John Bryttayn, a servant of his, muster master of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, who was desirous of his own frank good will to serve Her Majesty in the Low Countries.

Sept. ? 58. Information sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, of the landing at Shields from Dieppe of one Brown, *alias* Wawker, a dangerous Papist.

Sept. ? 59. An order of the Justices of Middlesex for levying an assessment on the inhabitants, for the charges of furnishing the 200 men raised in the shire.

Sept. ? 60. Petition of sundry Merchants of Sandwich and London to Walsyngham. Desire satisfaction for the losses they have sustained from the capture of many of their ships laden with grain and salt, by certain ships of war of Ostend, Flushing, and Rotterdam.

Sept. ? 61. Memorial of the order to be taken with Recusants. Books of articles offered to certain Recusants in the Tower. Three sorts of Recusants—those able to pay all the penalty, those able to pay part, and those able to pay none. Mode of proceeding in each case.

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Oct. 1. 1. Note of the "chested money" remaining in the receipt of the Exchequer, in the several charges of the four Tellers.

Oct. 3. Belvoir. 2. Earl of Rutland to Wm. Willoughby, Francis Manbie, and other the Justices appointed to look to the ports and creeks within

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the county of Lincoln. To attend to the Council's instructions, and to advertise him of such defaults as they shall find in their several divisions.

Oct. 4. 3. Names of the Gentlemen appointed to prohibit the exportation of corn from the havens and creeks on the coast of Lincolnshire.

Oct. 6. Wingfield. 4. Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Her Majesty had promised her that a final end should shortly be made in the matter between her lord, herself, and children. It is now three years and more that they have endured extreme wrong, and therefore hopes that a final order would be no longer delayed.

Oct. 7. Exeter. 5. The Commissioners of Musters for the county of Devon to the Council. They have deferred the musters on account of the absence of some of the captains, and the unseasonableness of the weather. Commend Mr. James Cruse their muster master.

Oct. 8. Pillingbere. 6. Sir Henri Nevell to Walsyngham. It is commonly reported that Mr. Wm. Knollys has bought Cranborne Chace of Mr. Warde. Desires that a new patent may not be granted to Mr. Knollys till his claim shall have been tried.

Oct. 9. 7. Thomas Win, Librarian of Queen's College, Cambridge, to same. His poverty, and the disappointment of his expectations from the Bishop of Rochester. Requests assistance. Latin.

Oct. 9. Tower. 8. Tho. Bawdewyn, prisoner in the Tower, to same. Desires that in consideration of his long imprisonment he may be released.

Oct. 9. Richmond. 9. Walsyngham to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Writes to him by command of the Queen, whose letter to him he sends, touching the breach, on his part, of the agreement complained of by the Countess his wife, and her son. *Incloses,*

9. 1. *The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Her expectation that he would not infringe the order made between him and the Countess, and her sons. The Countess has a great desire for a good and Christian reconciliation, and to live together as the band and knot of matrimony requireth.*

Oct. 10. The Tyger, in Bayonne Road. 10. Capt. Chr. Carleill to Walsyngham (?). Relation of their voyage and proceedings of the fleet from their arrival at Vigo on the 4th of October; capture of a ship with fish from Newfoundland. Put into Vigo by stress of weather. Arrival at Bayonne, and communication with the Governor there. Sends a view of the harbour. Great storm and dispersion of some of the ships. Proceedings up the river. Terror of the inhabitants, carrying away their goods in small boats. Agreement with the Governor for interchange of civilities on both sides. Permission to English merchants to remove their goods at pleasure.

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Oct. 10. Rouen. 11. Oliver St. John to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires him to obtain the Queen's pardon for him, being under discouragement by Her Majesty's answer to Monsr. de Chasteauneuf.

Oct. 10. London. 12. Horatio Palavicino to same. Touching the loan of 25,000*l.* the Earl of Leicester requires for his expedition into the Low Countries.

Oct. 10. Richmond. 13. The Council to Sir John Gilberte. Capture of Spanish ships and subjects at the Newfoundland fisheries by Sir Walter Raleigh. The rations allowed to the 600 Spanish mariners to be reduced to 3*d.* a man by the day, in consequence of the ill treatment of English subjects in Spain; to be paid out of the fish taken, and the produce of the rest to be distributed as prize money.

Oct. 12. 14. Estimate of provisions for the better strengthening of Her Majesty's Navy; to supply that which hath been taken from the same. Signed by Charles Lord Howard of Effingham, Sir Wm. Wynter, and others.

Oct. 12? 15. Catalogue of names of Papists and Recusants refusing to come to church in several dioceses, with the numbers of lances and light horse to be assessed upon each.

Oct. 12. London. 16. Palavicino to Walsyngham. Particulars of the loan to be advanced by the City to the Earl of Leicester. Italian.

Oct. 17. 17. Bond of Josias Calmady and Digory Piper, for the due accounting for all such Spanish ships and goods as may be taken by the Sweepstake of London, Richard Hodgis, master, under letters of reprisal granted to Thomas Grent. Taken before Dr. Julius Cæsar, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty.

Oct. 15. Richmond. [Sir F. Walsyngham?] to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Notices the death of his cousin, Blase Saunders, and his wife. Requests them to consider well the injustice of infringing Saunders' grant of the Garblership of spices and drugs, which had not yet expired. [*See Dom. Eliz., Vol.* xlv., *p.* 67.]

Oct. 15. Portsmouth. 18. Henry Earl of Sussex to the Council. Satisfactory and unfinished state of the works at Portsmouth. Desires warrant to impress a hundred laborers in Sussex or Hampshire.

Oct. 15. Portsmouth. 19. Same to Walsyngham. Verbatim with the above; and in addition informs him of the unskillfulness of Capt. Pers, who is not equal to the task of erecting fortifications, though capable of planning them.

Oct. 15. Portsmouth. 20. Same to same. Cannot approve of the plan for employing 200 of the Spanish prisoners on the fortifications at Portsmouth. It would be dangerous to employ any of that nation, particularly as wars rather than peace with Spain may be expected. Other cogent reasons stated.

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Oct. 16. Caxton. 21. Anthony Cage, Sheriff of Huntingdon, to the Council. Had been informed by Robert Sapcotes that Henry Sapcotes, recusant, did not reside within the county, but was now commorant in his own house near Lincoln. Robert Price readily submitted himself to Her Majesty's order, and promised to furnish two light horses.

Oct. 16. London. 22. Dr. Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to same. Report on the case against Pearsey, Ealande, and John Raynes on the behalf of Ruy Gonsalva. There is no objection to granting them letters of reprisal against the subjects of the King of Spain.

Oct. 17. 23. Anthony Radclyff, Sheriff of London, to same. Certifies the answers of many Recusants to the order for furnishing light horses. *Incloses,*

23. I. *Schedule of the answers of various Recusants. Some promising to pay in money; some to find the required number of light horse. Others sending excuses.*

23. II. *The answer of John Giffard of Chillington, co. Stafford. His inability to furnish a light horse, but offers money. Certified by Geo. Fyton, Secondary of the Compter.*

23. III. *The answer of Tho. Gawen, late of Hurdecot co. Wilts. His inability, his whole living having been taken in extent for recusancy. Certified as the preceding.*

23. IV. *The answer of Richard Tremayne of Clerkenwell. That he will pay 25l. for the furnishing of a light horse. His miserable estate.*

Oct. 18. Westminster. 24. Mary Scott to Anthony Radclyffe. Her husband (William Scott) has been deceased only four days, and therefore his property is dispersed to others. Desires him to report her poor estate to the Council. Annexed to the above.

Oct. 18. Westminster. 25. Same to Walsyngham. Has been charged by the Sheriff with the furnishing of a light horse, on account of her husband's recusancy. Desires to be discharged, her husband having been dead within these five days, and herself plunged in many cares.

Oct. 18. 26. An estimate for the fortifications of the town of Portsmouth according to the new plat.

Oct. 19. 27. Information preferred by Mr. Engilbert against John Bowen, parson of Tenby in Pembroke. His negligence in arresting Ric. Benson, and giving him information to enable him to escape. He useth speeches not decent against the Lord Treasurer.

Oct. 19. 28. Decipher of a letter from "Hargate to Englefield," many names still remaining in cipher, the first part being very obscure. The good Duchess [of Feria?] continueth still with her son in the country. No news yet of the India fleet. God grant that Drake has not met with them. On advice of his going to sea all ships were stayed in the ports of Spain and Portugal. News has come that Drake has played the dragon on the coasts of Galicia and Portugal, and taken sundry ships.

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Oct. 20. Loughborough. 29. Henry Turvyll, Sheriff of Leicester, Sir Geo. Hastings, and Edw. Aston, to the Council. Certify that Mr. George Sherley was not residing at Staunton, but in another part of the county; but that he had three geldings in readiness, according to the order of the Commissioners. His armour was in the custody of Mr. Tho. Cave.

Oct. [20.] 30. Certificate of the lands and goods of George Sherley and Robert Brokesbye, Esqs., recusants, in the county of Leicester: taken by appointment of Bryan Cave, Tho. Skeffington, George Vyllers, and others.

Oct. 20. Cornwall. 31. Sir Francis Godolphin and others, Justices of Cornwall, to the Council. In behalf of the fishermen on their coasts, that they may be licensed to export, into France only, the fish taken before the restraint.

Oct. 20. Marlow. 32. Robert Dormer, Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, to Walsyngham. Certifies the answer of the Recusants to the order for furnishing light horses. *Incloses,*

32. I. *The answer of Awstyn Belson of Ixhill Lodge, co. Buckingham, to the demand for furnishing a light horse, having neither lands, goods, nor cattle.*

32. II. *The answer of Avisse Lee, widow. Is not bound to find a horse as a recusant, as she has conformed and goes to the parish church; but she will have a light horse in readiness.*

32. III. *Testimonial of the conformity of Mrs. Avisse Lee.*

32. IV. *Schedule of Recusants not now resident or not to be found within the county.*

Oct. 20. Newington. 33. Owyne Oglethorppe, Sheriff of Oxfordshire, to Walsyngham. Answers of the Recusants charged with the furnishing of light horses, in conformity with letters of the Council of the 15th instant. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Schedule of the names of such Recusants in Oxfordshire as are willing to perform the service required at their hands.*

33. II. *The answer of John Bullen, of Hardwick, and others, recusants. Some utterly unable, some willing to contribute a portion in money. Lady Babington is not now in the county, but is in Tuttle [Tothill] Street, Westminster.*

33. III. *The answer of Tho. Vachell, Esq. Has always been charged in Berkshire, and furnished one horse required of him last year. Wrighton, 20 Oct.*

Oct. 21. Rushall. 34. Edw. Leghe, Sheriff of Staffordshire, to the Council. Certifies the answer of several Recusants, in the county of Stafford, charged with finding of light horses. This service has prevented him from attending at the Exchequer, according to his recognizances.

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Oct. 21. Kingston, in Warwick. 35. Sir Fowlke Grevyle, Sheriff of Warwickshire, to the Council. Sends an account of his dealings with two of the Recusants for the finding of light horses:—Mrs. Ferrers, a widow, and Edw. Graunt. Has required Mr. Graunt to make a separate answer. *Incloses,*

35. I. *The declaration of Edw. Graunt, certifying the causes of his inability to furnish a light horse. Is willing to contribute* 15*l. towards one.*

Oct. 21. 36. Petition of the Fishermen and Owners of Ships in the towns of Dartmouth, Salcombe, Torbay, and other places on the coast, to the Justices of Devonshire; praying them to procure from the Council licence for them to transport their fish into France and Italy, notwithstanding the restraint.

Oct. 21. York. 37. John Hotham to Walsyngham. Certifies the answers of the Recusants of Yorkshire, for the finding of light horses.

Oct. 22. 38. Thomas Bishoppe, Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex, to the Council. Has spoken with the most part of all the Recusants in Surrey and Sussex, and sends their answers touching the furnishing of light horses. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Certificate by Tho. Bishoppe of the answers of all such Recusants within the county of Surrey as are appointed to find light horses to be sent into the Low Countries:—Sir Wm. Catesbye, Edw. Gage of Bentley, John Talbot, and others.*

38. II. *John Wybarne to the Council. Has been warned by Mr. Byshoppe, High Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex, to provide horse and armour, as a Recusant. Appeals to the Archbishop of Canterbury and others to testify as to his constant attendance at every sermon in Lambeth Church. Is willing, however, to contribute as one of Her Majesty's good subjects and a tenant by Knight's service. October* 21.

38. III. *Certificate by Tho. Bishoppe of all such Recusants within the county of Sussex as are appointed to find light horses:—Wm. Scott, Edw. Gage of Framfield, Geo. Cotton, John Shelley, Tho. Grene, and Geo. Brittaine.*

38. IV. *Answer of John Gage of Firle. That he had already been rated in Middlesex to find two light horses and had paid* 50*l. for his composition.*

38. V. *Answer of John Leedes to the Council. Appointed to find two horses; begs that his charge may be qualified, and he is ready to pay* 25*l., for one only.*

38. VI. *Answer of Richard Shelley. Declares his inability, from the insufficiency of his estate. Marshalsea, October* 21, 1585.

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38. VII. *Answer of John Tawke. Would to God his estate were in such a state that he could furnish a light horse. Has been in prison five years past, and lost all his property by his recusancy.*

38. VIII. *The answer of Nicholas Wolfe to the Council. Is sorry to certify his inability to furnish a light horse, having but 20l. a year.*

38. IX. *The answer of John Delves to same. His inability; he has but 20l. a year for his life, and four children to provide for.*

38. X. *Anthony Fortescue to same. Denies being a recusant, and is otherwise unable to furnish a light horse. Wishes he was of ability to perform that in person he has been demanded to do in money. London, October* 18.

Oct. 22. 39. An estimate of the charges for the setting to the seas in warlike manner of three of Her Majesty's ships and one merchant ship for five months, to begin the 22d of October 1585, and to end the 10th of March next following.

Oct. 22. Leaseccurt. 40. Mychael Sondes, Sheriff of Kent, to the Council. Has been to the residences of various Recusants for the furnishing of light horses, and return their answers. *Incloses,*

40. I. *Certificate by Michael Sondes, High Sheriff of Kent, of the answers of the Recusants to the orders of Council for the finding of light horses and furniture.*

40. II. *Tho. Wilford to Michael Sondes. Promising to furnish either two light horses or the money by the time appointed.*

40. III. *Declaration by Henry Browne to the Council. States his inability to furnish two light horses, but refers himself to their pleasure. Has not been resident in the county these eight years.*

Oct. 22. Kington, in Wilts. 41. John Snell, Sheriff of Wiltshire, to the Council. Has visited the houses of the Recusants charged with furnishing light horses. Wm. Falconer, Esq., is willing to pay the 25*l.*; Tho. Gawen is in London, and not in Wiltshire; Henry May has not been in the county for a long season; and Robt. Barnes, the other Recusant, is in some prison in London.

Oct. 22. Islington. 42. Thomas Throckmorton, recusant, to Walsyngham. Is willing to comply with the Council's order for furnishing of light horses, and to pay the same so far as his ability extends.

Oct. 22. Woodhay. 43. Tho. Wylbram, Sheriff of Chester, to the Council. Certifies the answers of various Recusants required to furnish light horses. Lady Egerton is willing to pay for two horses; John Hocknell is a

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prisoner in the Fleet in London, but will find a serviceable man and a gelding; Wm. Hough is dead, and William Whitmore has married his daughter, and has his lands.

Oct. 22. Dowenampney. 44. Anthony Hungerford, Sheriff of Gloucester, to the Council. Has visited the houses of the Recusants in his county for the finding of light horses, but seen none of them. Henry Casey is in London, but ready to find two horses; Thomas Somerset is a prisoner in the Tower; and John Pansfoot is a fugitive.

Oct. 23. 45. William Wright, Sheriff of Southampton, to same. Certifies the answers of the Recusants to the order for furnishing light horses. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Schedule of the names of noted Recusants charged with light horses in the county of Southampton, and of those not residing in the county, conformable and not conformable. Henry Shelly is deceased.*

45. II. *Nicholas Ticheborne to the Council. Is utterly unable to furnish a light horse, being but a younger brother, and a son of a younger brother, and is in the sheriff's custody for recusancy.*

Oct. 23. Bramston. 46. Eusebie Isham, Sheriff of Northampton, to Walsyngham. Certifies his doings with the Recusants for finding light horses. Thos. Colwell is in London; John Warde is not to be found; and Thos. Bownd is unknown. *Incloses,*

46. I. *The answer of William Thorley to the Council. Protests that he is not a recusant. Is willing to serve Her Majesty when and where they shall direct.*

46. II. *The answer of Thomas Lawe. Is willing to serve to the utmost of his ability, which is but small.*

Oct. 24. 47. Note of money sent and ordered to be paid for the works at Portsmouth begun by Capt. Pers. Money now sent by my Lord of Hunsdon, Lord Chamberlain.

Oct. 24. King's College, Cambridge. 48. Roland Lince to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his former favors. Is indebted to the kindness of Nicholas Malbie and Dr. Goade. Is studying for the Irish Church. Latin.

Oct. 24. The Ayde, Vigo in Galicia. 49. Edward Wynter to same. Particulars of their voyage from Plymouth. They made Cape Finisterre, and from thence sailed to the Isles of Bayona, where at the town they landed 700 men, and accepted conditions from the Governor. From thence to Vigo, where they entered into articles for water and provisions, and for the English merchants to depart with their goods.

Oct. 24 London. 50. Daniel Rogers to same. Sends the copy of the considerations concerning the negotiation with Denmark and Germany to be better written. Desires his favor to obtain for him some better allowance for such a journey. His past services.

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Oct. 24. 51. Gilbert Lyttelton, Sheriff of Worcester, to the Council. Answers of the Recusants required to furnish light horses. John Talbot willingly assents to provide three light horses; Lady Windsor will furnish two; and Lady Throkmorton will pay 50*l.* for her two. Answers of other Recusants. *Incloses,*

51. I. *Lady M. Throkmorton to same. Has been required to furnish two light horses. Is ready to perform Her Majesty's pleasure therein, though it be far more than her poor ability will permit.*

51. II. *Edmond Colles, Justice of the Peace, to Lyttelton. Reports the doings of himself and Mr. Knottesford in the matters of recusancy, with regard to Mr. Lygon and Tho. Wreynford. Oct.* 23, 1585.

51. III. *Hugh Lygon to same. Excuses himself from furnishing a light horse, on account of his inability.*

Oct. 24. 52. Humfry Speccott (?), Sheriff of Devon, to the Council. Answers of the Recusants within that county. James Courtney has left for London, and Philip Basset is not to be found, but he is probably in the Fleet at London.

Oct. 25. 53. John Gurdon, Sheriff of Suffolk, to same. Details particulars of several upon whom he had called to furnish light horses. Sir Tho. Cornewallys, William Yaxley, and Edw. Sulyard, will have their horses ready. Some have paid money. Edmund Bedingfield is dead. Some not to be found. *Incloses,*

53. I. *Robert Jetter to Mr. Gurdon. States his inability to furnish a light horse. Bury Gaol, 20th October* 1585.

53. II. *Walter Norton to same. Is willing but unable to provide two horses, but sends 25l. as his proportion for one. 20th October.*

53. III. *Francis Mannock to same. Denies being a recusant, but will be ready to serve whenever required. Stoke Nayland, 24th October* 1585.

53. IV. *Roger Martyn to same. His son has gone to London. Has two geldings, and wishes he had 20 to serve Her Majesty with. Cannot furnish more than one, as his whole income does not exceed 200l. a year, and he is 200l. in debt. 25th October* 1585.

Oct. 25. 54. Mary Scott to Walsyngham. Has again been urged to furnish a light horse. Pleads her inability; her husband has been dead but twelve days, and she left but a poor widow in mean estate.

Oct. 25. St. Ives. 55. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. Has been at St. Ives with letters. Shipment of copper ore for Wales. Has received a freight of timber

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from Wales, but there was no ore ready to be shipped in return. A constant supply of ore must be kept at St. Ives during the summer. Money required for paying the workmen.

Oct. 26. At the Court. 56. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has heard during his illness that Her Majesty had expressed her mislike of her own resolution in the cause of the Low Countries. Evil consequences of this irresolution. Her Majesty might compose matters with Spain with greater advantage now she has Flushing and Brill in her hands.

Oct. 26. Hereford. 57. Humfrey Baskervile, Sheriff of Herefordshire, to the Council. Transmits the answers of several Recusants, whom he had charged to furnish light horses. Anthony Trockmorton is not resident in the county. *Incloses,*

57. I. *John Gomond to same. Excuses himself for not furnishing a light horse, as he only possessed a small farm, which had been seized to Her Majesty's use. Hereford, 25th October.*

57. II. *Edmond Jones to same. His inability; is in prison and all his goods and substance sold to satisfy the Queen for his recusancy. If set at liberty would give one half of his year's gains. Hereford Gaol.*

57. III. *Richard Lyngen to same. Is utterly unable to find a light horse, being a younger brother, and all his goods and an annuity sold to the Queen's use.*

57. IV. *The answer of John Scudamore. Is not able to furnish a light horse, being in prison. Requests to have some small portion of his lands to enable him to keep a horse.*

Oct. 26. Hampstead. 58. Sir Tho. Fytzherbert to Walsyngham. Requests a warrant of discharge to the Earl of Shrewsbury, and to the Sheriff and Justices of Staffordshire for horses and armour.

Oct. 27. 59. Alexander Southaicke to same. That he had obtained Mr. Knewstubb's good will for him to depart, according to his honor's desire, only Mr. Knewstubb doubts of the finishing of some apparel and other things necessary for his journey. The Earl of Leicester to be moved herein.

Oct. 27. London. 60. Sir Edmond Dymoke, Sheriff of Lincoln, to the Council. Information of the Recusants called upon for furnishing of light horses. William Tirwhitt is not in the county, but his brother-in-law, Mr. William Fitzwilliams, will comply; John Thimblebie is in London.

Oct. 27. Preston. 61. Tho. Preston, Sheriff of Lancaster, to same. His proceedings in taking the answers of certain noted Recusants charged with the furnishing of light horses. Some could not be found. *Incloses,*

61. 1. *Certificates of the answers of several Recusants within the county of Lancaster.*

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Oct. 28. Sudbury (Derby). 62. John Vernone, Sheriff of Derbyshire, to the Council. Returns the answers of two of the Recusants for furnishing of light horses, Mr. Bentley and Mr. Foljambe. Mr. Longford remains about London. *Incloses,*

62. I. *Answers of Edward Bentley and Godfray Foljambe, charged by the Sheriff of Derby to furnish light horses. Foljambe denies being a recusant.*

Oct. 28. Beselslighe. 63. Beselle Fetiplace, Sheriff of Berkshire, to same. Answers of the Recusants appointed to furnish light horses. Edmund Morrice and James Brabrook will furnish either horses or money; Richard Sampson cannot be found; Lawrence Spycer is unable, and Lady Fetiplace (his late father's wife) is not a recusant and resides in London.

Oct. 28. London. 64. Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. His wish to do any service for the State. That the 700*l.* would be ready to-morrow. Desires to know if he is to take a receipt. Italian.

Oct. 29. Plymouth. Sir Richard Greynvile to same. Acquaints him with the success of his voyage. Has performed the action directed, and took possession and peopled a new country [Virginia], and stored it with cattle, fruits, and plants. The commodities of the country are such as his cousin Raleigh advertised of. In his way home he captured a Spanish ship returning from St. Domingo laden with ginger and sugar. [*See Colonial Papers, Vol.* i., No. 7.]

Oct. 29. 65. Note of the overcharge made by Richard Ferrys of 2,664 miles more than he rode, as one of the ordinary messengers of the chamber.

Oct. 30. 66. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor, to Mr. Seckford. Sends him a supplication directed to the Council, containing some charges against him. *Incloses,*

66. I. *Petition of Richard Puttenham to the Council; complaining of the ill usage he had received from Mr. Seckford, in his office of one of the Masters of Requests.*

Oct. 31. Portsmouth. 67. Earl of Sussex to Walsyngham. Proceedings of the Lord Chamberlain in his survey of the works at Portsmouth. Insufficiency and ignorance of Capt. Pers in carrying on the works. Great charges on the country in furnishing of horses and men. Pers's proceedings utterly at variance with his instructions. Desires protection from the suits of Lady Sussex, his sister-in-law. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Note of the charges the country is at in finding of horses for the tumbrels used in Her Majesty's works of fortifications at Portsmouth.*

67. II. *Extracts from the Lord Chamberlain's and the Earl's letters concerning the fortifications. Ill proceedings of Capt. Pers.*

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Oct. 31. Tower. 68. William Creychtoun, the Scotch Jesuit, prisoner in the Tower, to Walsyngham. Desires that by his honor's favor he may be released; remaining in such torments of infirmities and distress as lie now does this second winter. Requests also that Mr. Addie may be released.

Oct. 31. 69. Anthony Radclyff, Sheriff of London, to same. Has received 50*l.* of Mr. John Giffard of Chillington, for two light horses. Desires a letter for his discharge in Staffordshire.

Oct. 31. 70. Same to same. That Richard Fenton, having paid 25*l.* in place of one light horse, may also be discharged in Derbyshire.

Oct. 31. London. 71. Same to same. Messrs. Atkynson, Wafferer, and Mallery, counsellors at law, having requested a longer time for paying their composition for light horses, he suggests they ought not to be discharged by letters from the Council, as it would be a bad example. *Incloses,*

71. I. *The names of Recusants given in the first, second, and third schedules, with answers and observations on each particular person; some having paid, some not to be found, some in other shires, some dead, &c.*

Oct. 72. The Queen to the Bishops of the Realm. Directs them to take order with the clergy in their several dioceses for the furnishing of light horses, to serve in the Low Countries to resist the King of Spain there; or to enter into a composition to the amount of 25*l.* for each light horse charged; the amount when collected to be paid over to Robert Freake, one of the Tellers of the Exchequer. *Incloses,*

72. I. *List of the Archbishops and Bishops to whom Her Majesty has written for the furnishing of light horses.*

Oct. 73. Roke Grene and Tho. Crowley to the Council. Having been required by the Sheriff of Essex to pay 25*l.* each for the furnishing of light horses, they are quite ready to do so whenever requested.

Oct. 74. Tho. Hale to same. Is unable to comply with the requisition for furnishing a light horse, having not in coin five shillings, nor in plate to the value of four marks.

Oct. 75. Answer of John Burre to the demand of Council for furnishing a light horse. Excuses himself on account of his inability, and pleads his past services. He and his ancestors have dwelt in Barking above 300 years. Indorsed, "*The answer of Tho. Hall [Hale], Roke Grene, and Tho. Crowley.*"

Oct. 76. Dr. Nicholas Bonde to Sir F. Walsyngham. Has been charged by the Bishop of Winchester with the furnishing a light horse for the service in the Low Countries. Pleads his inability. Could not furnish the sum of 25*l.* to save his body from present imprisonment.

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Oct. 77. Particulars of bonds taken of Merchants and others in the Low Countries for cast-iron ordnance, by William Pistor, Deputy of the Earl of Warwick in the Office of Ordnance.

Oct? 78. Petition of Henry Dale and Wm. Hall to the Council. That they had laid in a great store of powder according to their Lordship's directions. Desire that letters may be sent to the several towns and shires commanding them to provide their powder of them.

Oct. 79. Account of money laid out for the Vicarage of Ashbie, at the visitation of the Bishop of Northampton.

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Nov. 1. 1. Note of the remainders upon licences of beer, on the first of November, 1585. Signed, "*Thomas Smythe, Robert Dow, collector, and Henry Isham.*"

Nov. 1. York. 2. John Hotham, Sheriff of Yorkshire, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Certifies the answer of certain Recusants required by him to furnish light horses. Answer of Tho. Watterton.

Nov. 3. Belvoir. 3. Earl of Rutland to same. To procure a presentation to the Vicarage of Newark for Mr. Staunton, his chaplain, a special good preacher.

Nov. 3. Mapowder. 4. Henry Cosser (?), Sheriff of Dorset, to the Council. Information respecting James Marten, a recusant, required to furnish a light horse, but he had not resided in the county for three years past, and only had a small portion allowed him by Lady Tregonwell, his mother.

Nov. 4. 5. Note of certain words uttered by one Mr. Barlowe, of Chichester, to Roger Androwe, at Racton in Sussex, making a jest of Her Majesty's commission for impressing carts and timber for the works at Portsmouth. A bribe offered by Mr. Gunter to Androwe, to take up timber elsewhere.

Nov. 4. Bullington. 6. William Metham to Sir Edw. Dymoke, Sheriff of Lincoln. That Henry Sapcotes, charged with furnishing a light horse, was reported to be in London.

Nov. 5. 7. A remembrance to Mr. Secretary Walsyngham from Sir F. Knollys, in behalf of his suit to Her Majesty, relative to the manors of Stanford and Blubery.

Nov. 6. Winchester. 8. Wm. Wright, Sheriff of Hampshire, to same. Has consulted with the Bishop touching the Recusants thought able to be charged with light horses. Their names. Of the names of others having notorious recusants in their wives he makes no mention.

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Nov. 7. 9. Certificate by the Sheriff of London and Middlesex of such Recusants as he has had information of, to be within Cornwall and other counties; Alexander Whitehead, a counseller at law, is now lying at Ebrey farm [now Ebury Street?], near Westminster.

Nov. 7? 10. A further certificate of the names of Recusants in other counties; sent in by the Sheriff of London.

Nov. 8. His house near the Savoy. 11. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Proposes an exchange of the English prisoners at Dunkerque for P. de Subiaur, which would be a good exchange, the man not being worthy the keeping.

Nov. 8. Gore End. 12. Wm. Borough, from aboard the Skowte, to George Tucker, of Gravesend. Had examined certain priests and Papists on board a passage boat from Calais bound for London. Had given orders to the master of the ship to deliver his letter at Gravesend before any of the passengers should land. *Incloses,*

12. 1. *The examination of the English passengers in the bark from Calais. Their names:—Confession of Thomas Rauley; Robert Fountayne, an attendant in Paris on Wm. Cecill, son of Sir Tho. Cecill.*

Nov. 8. Dover. 13. Aaron Windebank to Walsyngham. Desires supply of more money to pay the laborers on the works at Dover. Solicits to be employed in the Low Counties.

Nov. 8. 14. Depositions taken concerning the Dolphin of Flushing, grounded on the Goodwin Sands.

Nov. [8?] 15. The reckoning of the loss and damage suffered by Marten Simons (or Simonson), master of the Dolphin of Flushing, wrecked on the Goodwin Sands, by the want of skill of the pilot.

Nov. 8. London. 16. Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Transmits letters received from a friend in Paris. Solicits the expediting of his letters of naturalization. Italian.

Nov. 10. 17. William Wright, Sheriff of Hampshire, to the Council. Finds by the information of Sir Ric. Norton and others, that Nicholas Ticheborne and Mrs. Friswyth Edmonds are unable to furnish light horses. *Incloses,*

17. 1. *Declaration by Mrs. Friswyth Edmonds of her inability to furnish or pay for a light horse.*

Nov. 11. London. 18. Dr. Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to the Council. On the controversy between the merchants of Bristol and the inhabitants of St. Malo relative to the ship called the Volant of St. Malo.

Nov. 11. 19. Henry Appleton, Sheriff of Essex, to same. Certifies that John Daniel, a recusant, was returned into Suffolk.

Nov. 12. New-park. 20. Earl of Derby to Francis Mylles, servant to Walsyngham. Desires him to acquaint his master with the conformity of Tho. Ashton and Richard Eltonheade, Esqrs.

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Nov. 13. 21. Examination of Stephen Cheston unto certain interrogatories taken before the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, within the diocese of Winchester.

Nov. 13. 22. Brief declaration of the total amount of money collected in the several counties throughout the realm, for the re-edifying of the town of Namptwich in the county of Chester; delivered into the hands of Thomas Aldersey and Tho. Brasey, merchants of London, and to the Mayor of Chester, and Mr. Goodman the preacher; including the Queen's most liberal gift of 1,000*l.*; amounting in the whole to the sum of 3,224*l.* 6*s.* 9½*d.*

Nov. 13. 23. Accompt of the expenditure of the money collected for rebuilding the town of Namptwich, lately consumed by casualty of fire.

Nov. 14. 24. Note of the charges sustained by the country in finding of horses for the tumbrels used in Her Majesty's works of fortification at Portsmouth.

Nov. 15. London. 25. Robert Dormer to Walsyngham. Has inquired into the means of Augustine Belson, who only of the Recusants of Buckinghamshire pleads inability to furnish a light horse. Has paid over the money received by him from the Recusants into the hands of Mr. Freake of the Exchequer.

Nov. 15. London. 26. John Hill to same. Will haste away with speed towards Dover to stay the damage lately done there. Money wanted. Sends the account of Mr. Customer Smythe of the money remaining in his hands.

Nov. 16. 27. The Commissioners of Dover Haven to same. Their efforts to repair the damages made by a late raging storm on the works at Dover. Wish Mr. Hill to be sent down speedily; the Treasurer has no money. *Inclosing,*

27. 1. *Note of such damages and hurt as the pier of Dover had sustained from the storm, which happened on the* 13*th of November.*

Nov. 16. 28. The examination of John Peirson, servant of Sir Walter Raleigh, taken before Sir Fr. Walsyngham, relative to certain books concerning matters of State, copied out by him, received from one Wm. Herlle.

Nov. 16. 29. Note from John Peirson excusing his non-attendance. Names of the parties to whom he had sent copies of the book received from Mr. Herlle.

Nov. 16? 30. Petition of Nicholas Wolffe to the Council. That he had done to the best of his ability to furnish the light horse demanded of him, but was only able to raise 10*l.* which he had paid the sheriff, and therefore solicits to be released from the Marshalsea.

Nov. 17. 31. Anthony Hungerford, Sheriff of Gloucestershire, to same. Has received 50*l.* of Henry Cassey, in lieu of two light horses, and paid the same over to Robert Freake of the Exchequer.

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Nov. 11. 32. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Marvels that Mr. Denham absents himself so long. Has borrowed money of Pasco Wynser to pay the workmen for the week ending the 13th of November. More money is required to keep the men at work a fortnight longer.

Nov. 19. 33. Earl of Derby to the Council. Apprehension of a massing priest called Uncle James, otherwise James Stonnes, having laid diligent wait for him and such like bad fellows of his bloody profession. *Incloses,*

33. I. *The examination of James Stonnes, alias Uncle James, taken before the Earl of Derby. Confesses to be a priest and determination to continue in the Catholic faith.*

33. II. *Note of the massing attire found with James Stonnes at the time of his apprehension.*

Nov. 19. London. 34. Anthony Radclyff to Walsyngham. Has received 50*l.* from Sir Tho. Fytzherbert for furnishing of two light horses, for which he desires his discharge.

Nov. 20. Hampstead. 35. Sir Tho. Fytzherbert to same. Gives particulars of his poor estate, and therefore desires his merciful consideration. No one is more willing to serve the Queen than he is.

Nov. 23. Furnes. 36. Tho. Preston, Sheriff of Lancaster, to the Council. Certifies his dealings with certain Recusants for the furnishing of light horses. Wm. Hawkesworth does not reside within the county, and John Britton is a prisoner in Manchester gaol. Note of money sent to Robert Freake, Esq.

Nov. 20. 37. Note of money received from the Recusants in Lancashire; the same as in the above. Note relating to Tho. Pescodd and others.

Nov. 20. London. 38. Sir James Hales to Lord Burghley. Has written to him rather than waited upon him, on hearing of his sickness. Transportation of grain out of the county of Kent. Desires his favor in the suit of Mr. Wm. Lovelasse, concerning the title of St. Lawrence; interest of the widow of Sir Christopher Hales therein. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Certificate of corn and salt shipped from Sandwich from the 11th of October,* 1585, *to the 1st of November then next following,*

38. II. *Similar certificate of corn and grain from the port of Feversham.*

38. III.–V. *Certificate sent to the Council of proceedings of Commissioners for restraint of corn and grain in Kent, with presentments of Juries at Feversham and Sandwich relating to transportation of corn and grain.*

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Nov. 21. Hereford. 39. Humfrey Baskervyle, Sheriff of Hereford, to the Council. Has inquired into the estate and living of Edmond Jones, Ric. Lyngen, and John Gomonde, recusants. John Scudamore cannot pay any money.

Nov. 21. 40. Statement of money received by Robert Freake, Teller of the Exchequer, from Sheriffs in certain counties, on the composition of Recusants for the furnishing of light horses.

Nov. 22. London. 41. Edw. Baeshe, Sheriff of Hertfordshire, to the Council. Has been with the Lady Poulett, of Tittenhanger, who allegeth herself to be no recusant. *Incloses,*

41. I. *Elizabeth Lady Poulett to Mr. Baeshe. Denies being a recusant, but is most willing and ready to subscribe 50l. for the Queen's service. Clerkenwell, November 22.*

Nov. 23. 42. John Gurdon, Sheriff of Suffolk, to same. Statement of the sums of money he has received from Recusants, which he had paid over to Mr. Freake. Answers of other Recusants.

Nov. 24. Padua. 43. William Cecill (son of Sir Thomas Cecill and grandson of Lord Burghley ?) to Walsyngham. His visit to Italy. Requests him to intercede with his father for having been to Rome contrary to his commandment. Italian.

Nov. 25. Doctors' Commons, London. 44. Dr. John Beacon to same. Information of Mr. Wolsley, of Colwich in Staffordshire, an obstinate papist. Begs that the suit of his son, who married Lady Greisley's daughter, for his father's immunity from attending the church, may not be granted. Robert Calvert, a zealous and painful preacher, has been lately appointed to Colwich, and done good service there.

Nov. 25. 45. Tho. Bishoppe, Sheriff of Sussex and Surrey, to the Council. Had received 250l. of the Recusants, and paid it over to Mr. Freake of the Exchequer. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Certificate of the money received from the Recusants in Sussex and Surrey for furnishing light horses; their names and the sums paid by each.*

Nov. 26. 46. Same to same. Searched for Mrs. Margaret Blackwell in Sussex, but found she was residing at the Black Friars in London. She refuses to furnish a light horse, not being a recusant. *Incloses,*

46. I. *Petition of Margaret Blackwell to same. Has never refused, since the beginning of the Queen's reign, to go to church, and therefore denies her liability to be charged with furnishing a light horse as a recusant.*

46. II. *Certificate from Arthur Williams, Parson, and the Churchwardens of the parish of St. Andrew's, in Castle Baynard Ward, of the due attendance of Mrs. Margaret Blackwell at church.*

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46. III. *Mrs. Blackwell to Walsyngham. Claiming to be discharged from furnishing a light horse, not being a recusant.*

46. IV. *Certificate from the Parson and Churchwardens of St. Andrew's of her due attendance at church.*

Nov. 26. Dover. 47. John Hill to Walsyngham. Has received money for the works at Dover Harbour, for repairs of the old works and providing for the new. Requires an order for another 100*l.* *Incloses,*

47. I. *Schedule of works to be done at Dover Harbour this winter,* 1585.

Nov. 26. 48. Note of money received by Mr. Freake from the Sheriffs in certain counties for the furnishing of light horses by Recusants.

Nov. 27. 49. "The conclusion for the Fortifications at Portsmouth." Discussion on the estimates of 1 August by Capt. Pers and Wm. Popynjay. Conference between the Earl of Sussex and Capt. Pers in presence of Her Majesty, Lord Burghley, Sir Wm. Pelham, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Brian Fitzwilliams. Resolutions thereon: Capt. Pers to make new plans and estimates. Signed, "*Willm. Pers.*"

Nov. 28. 50. Memorandum by Burghley of public business; Ireland; ordnance; fortifications at Portsmouth, &c. Also the heads of a treatise in his hand "On the State of the Queen and the Realm." On the internal condition of the country and the measures necessary to continue its present state. The service of the church to be promoted by a better choice of bishops, many of them having no credit either for teaching, good living, or hospitality. Good ministers to be appointed to cures. Due administration of justice. The bishops and clergy to win credit among the people; generally they are covetous, specially such as have wives and children.

Nov. 28. 51. Report by William Herlle of the cause in controversy between Sir John Clyfton and William Kirforde, relative to possession of certain lands and tenements in Devon.

Nov. 30. 52. Henry Appleton, Sheriff of Essex, to the Council. Certifies that the Lady Babington of Oxfordshire, recusant, cannot be found in Essex.

Nov. 30. London. 53. The Judge of the Admiralty to Walsyngham. States his opinion on the suit between James Jellee and Martin Symonson, merchants of Flushing, and Mr. Stapers of London, touching the ship Dolphin cast away upon the Goodwin Sands. Recommends the case should be thoroughly examined as to the skill of the pilot.

Nov. ? 54. Articles in the Admiralty Court on the part of James Jellee and Martin Symonson and other owners of the Dolphin of Flushing, wrecked on the Goodwin Sands, whereupon Richard Staper of London and John Vassall were to be examined.

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Nov. 30? 55. The personal answers of Richard Stapers to the preceding articles, relative to the grounding of the Dolphin on the Goodwin Sands.

Nov. 30? 56. The personal answers of John Vassall to the same articles.

Nov. 57. Note of the valuation of the lands belonging to the Lady Marchioness of Winchester.

Nov. 58. Note of money received out of the Exchequer by virtue of various privy seals.

Nov. 59. James Paynter to Walsyngham. Information of an English gentlewoman, a Catholic, and her servants at Dieppe, lodging at the Silver Lion there, where all the English Jesuits are usually lodged.

Nov. 60. The Council to the Bishops. Directing them to pay over the sums, contributed by the clergy towards the furnishing of 1,000 lances, into the hands of Robt. Freake, Esq., one of the Tellers of the Exchequer.

Nov. 61. The names of the Recusants in several shires certified to be willing to contribute towards the finding of light horses, with the sums assessed upon each.

Nov.? 62. Lord Norreis to the Council. In reply to the defence made by Mr. Cromwell Ley and Mr. James Crofts, Justices of Peace, charging them with improper interference in the case of one Hore at Oxford Assizes, who was bound to appear for assaulting one Wriglesworth.

Nov.? 63. Demands set down by Richard Popynjay, surveyor, and Capt. William Pers, engineer, for the fortifications at Portsmouth, amounting to the sum of 4,000*l.*

Nov.? 64. Estimate of reparations needful to be done on Her Majesty's slaughter house, standing on the north-west side without the walls of Portsmouth, towards the dock.

Nov.? 65. Estimate of reparations needful to be done on Her Majesty's two beer-houses, called the Lion and the Dragon, adjoining near unto the fortifications at Portsmouth.

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Dec. 2. 1. The Countess of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Beseeches him that Coppley may not be sent down before the cause in controversy between her and the Earl has been heard by him and the Lord Treasurer on both sides. Ill conduct of Coppley.

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Dec. 2. Carisbrook Castle. 2. Sir George Carey to Sir F. Walsyngham. Against the demand of the French Ambassador for re-delivery of a ship of St. John de Luce. Thinks the Ambassador rash and ill advised.

Dec. 3. Norwich. 3. Sir Henry Woodhouse, Sheriff of Norfolk, to same. Apologizes for not having made certificate of his dealings with the Recusants. Mr. Downes of Melton can only furnish one light horse. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *List of the names of the Recusants resident in Norfolk, and of those that are not dead and not resident. Lady Style and Edmond Bedingfield are dead.*

Dec. 3. 4. Sir William Stanley to same. In behalf of George Lee, who stands indicted on the charge of burglary in Shropshire, it being the first fault that ever he committed.

Dec. 5. Bramston. 5. Eusebie Isham, Sheriff of Northampton, to the Council. Has made further search for certain Recusants. Mr. Collwell is somewhere in London, and Tho. Bownd is unknown in the county. Thinks there is some mistake in his name. Particulars of other Recusants.

Dec. 5. Fenchurch Street. 6. Thomas Smythe to William Carnsewe. Has acquainted the rest of the partners with his letter. A person of trust has been appointed to take account of the charges and expenses of the works in Cornwall. Offer to take Carnsewe into partnership. Cannot yet advance him the 100*l.* he requires.

Dec. 5. 7. Address to the Queen, in Latin and French verse, with a diagram in the centre, urging some complaint against the Bishop of London; with the Queen's reply, and her most gracious speeches to the writer, almost half a mile long on the way.

Dec. 6. London. 8. Edward Leghe, Sheriff of Staffordshire, to Walsyngham. Had attended in the Council Chamber, but found that he and the Earl of Leicester had gone to Her Majesty. Statement of the sums he had received from Recusants for furnishing light horses. Desires stay of proceedings against him in the Exchequer.

Dec. 7. 9. Note of sundry Commissions passed the Great Seal, from 5th June, 1583, to 7th December, 1585.

Dec. 7. 10. Order of agreement taken between the Earl of Shrewsbury and the Countess his wife. Lands to be assured to the two younger sons of the Countess. Commission to be issued to John Manners, Esq., and Sir Francis Willoughby, for proof of the allegations on both sides.

Dec. 8. Richmond. 11. Orders taken at Richmond before Lord Burghley and Sir Fr. Walsyngham upon the petitions of the Countess of Shrewsbury and her younger sons to Her Majesty, to be relieved in certain things by the Right Honorable the Earl of Shrewsbury.

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Dec. 1. St. Peter's Hill. 12. Tho. Randolphe to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his kindness towards his two nephews, Avery Randolphe and Ned Cryspe. His wife, whose power is great over him, insists on his making an application in favor of her kinsman, the bearer, Mr. Haly Heron.

Dec. 9. 13. Note of the receipts and payments of Francis Cotton, for the works at Portsmouth, since the last privy seal for 1,600*l.*

Dec. 9. 14. A particular note of Mr. Cotton's receipts from the 26th of February, 1583–4, to the 23rd of August, 1585, for the works at Portsmouth.

Dec. 9. 15. A note of the new walls about the Camber at Portsmouth, measured the 6th of November, 1585.

Dec. 10. Dartmouth. 16. Information from Dartmouth, brought by Walker Squior from Lisbon, of warlike preparations. 80 sail of hulks from 100 to 800 tons each, 20 galleons of 300 and 500 tons, and 40 sail of Biscay ships from 100 to 500 tons each. Concentration of military forces at Lisbon, 30,000 Tudescos (Germans), 20,000 Italians sent by the Pope, 5,000 Spaniards, and 7,000 Portuguese; and these navies making ready with all expedition for some great enterprize against England. Two rich ships from India missing.

Dec. 10. 17. Bishop Cowper to Walsyngham. Against any favor being shown to the wife of one Mr. Pitts of Alton, committed to the Clink, who was a very obstinate person, and natural sister to N. Saunders the traitor. Her return to Winchester would do more harm than ten sermons would do good. No man whose wife is a recusant is sound himself.

Dec. 11. Dover. 18. John Hill to same. His grief for the damage done to the Black Bulwark in a storm. Increase in the number of laborers. Not less a sum than 200*l.* will be immediately required. *Incloses,*

18. 1. *An estimate of repairing the damage done to the Black Bulwark on Sunday the 5th of December,* 1585.

Dec. 11. 19. Articles wherewith Mr. Wm. Watson is to be charged. Incontinency with women in Oxford and committing a rape in Northampton. Inciting his servants to watch the house of one Ric. Smote, of Ensham, and to assault him and one Stalesbrick.

Dec. 11. 20. Articles to be ministered to Tho. White and others, servants of William Watson, as to the cause of their entering the house of Richard Smote, of Ensham, and threatening him with violence.

Dec. 12. 21. Memorial, in Lord Burghley's hand, of public business.

Dec. 14. Newark-on-Trent. 22. Examination of Tho. Foster, touching the finding of certain hidden treasure at Langmore Dale, in company with Robert and William Wighton.

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Dec. 14. Bakonsthorpe. 23. Sir Wm. Heydon to Walsyngham. The Commissioners for restraint of the exportation of corn in Norfolk meet every month Reasons why so few meet. Hard dealings of Mr. Comptroller's substitute for concealed lands, who had more regard for his own benefit than for Her Majesty's service.

Dec. 14. 24. Note or account of the several bills owing by Archdeacon John Pratt, Archdeacon of St. Davids.

Dec. 16. (17 Kal. Jan.) King's College, Cambridge. 25. Wm. Harrison to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; offers to him, as his Mecænas, a copy of verses which he has addressed to that Antichrist of Rome, the Pope. *Incloses,*

25. I. *Verses intituled "An Papa sit Pontifex Maximus."*

Dec. 17. 26. Articles or Interrogatories to be ministered unto Wm. Sale, Parson of Aston in the county of Derby, and Prebendary of Lichfield, as to his knowledge of any of Lord Pagett's men, or receipt of letters from him. Payment of money to Charles Pagett.

Dec. 17. 27. Examination of Wm. Sale, Parson of Aston, upon the preceding interrogatories before the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield and others.

Dec. 19. Alnwick Abbey. 28. Sir John Foster to Walsyngham. The Countess of Warwick has persuaded him to write to the Queen's Majesty in the behalf of the young Earl of Bedford, her nephew, who is just thirteen years old on St. Thomas's eve, the 20th of December. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Sir John Foster to the Queen, in favor of the young Earl of Bedford, because he is an orphan, his father having been slain in her service against the Scots. In him Her Highness had lost a jewel.*

Dec. 20. 29. Remembrances from the Earl of Sussex for the Lord Treasurer. For defence and internal government of Hampshire, and for the defences and works at Portsmouth. Remembrances also of his own private suits.

Dec. 23. Modbury. 30. Arthur Champernowne to Walsyngham. His poor estate discharges him of the honorable burden which Sir Thos. Cecill was willing to have committed to him; but he willingly entertained the Prince of Condé at Plymouth. On the Prince's departure for Rochelle he left certain letters and speeches for Her Majesty. *Incloses,*

30. I. *A memorial of such speeches as the Prince of Condé commanded Mr. Arthur Champernowne to deliver unto Her Majesty.*

Dec. 24. 31. Account of money due to Her Majesty for the first 15th and 10th granted at the last Parliament, payable before the 14th of June now last past: and for the first payment of the subsidy granted by the laity at the said Parliament.

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Dec. 25. Richmond. 32. Memorial, by Burghley, of matters to be imparted to Her Majesty. To inform the King of Denmark of vast quantities of victuals, provided by merchants of the East side of the Sound, for the King of Spain's navy for the annoyance of England. Those provisions to be stayed. Articles with the States of Holland. Directions to Leicester. The Navy to be put in readiness by March next. Restraint on the exportation of grain. Defence of the realm, &c.

Dec. 28. London. 33. John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Sends him the book of charges for Her Majesty's Navy. Expediency of augmenting the pay of the sailors. *Incloses,*

33. I. *A book containing the names of all Her Majesty's ships, with their tonnage, &c., and 22 merchantmen meet to join with them; with estimates for furnishing and victualling them for the seas, in warlike manner.*

33. II.–IV. *A note showing the commodity that would grow by increasing the wages of sailors in Her Mjesty's service. In triplicate.*

Dec. 30. 34. Certificate of ordnance remaining aboard Her Majesty's ships and Navy; with a note of Sir Wm. Wynter's proportion set down in 1569, and what is now wanting to accomplish the same.

Dec. 31. 35. Note of allowance made upon the account of Edw. Baeshe, Esq., Surveyor-General of provisions for Her Majesty's Navy, for one whole year ended the last day of Dec. anno 28 Eliz.

Dec. 31. 36. Notes, in Burghley's hand, of public business. Orders to survey the strength of the various counties. Appointments of Lord Lieutenants and their Deputies; Sir Walter Raleigh in the Stannaries.

Dec. An answer of the Six Clerks to various objections of the Cursitors of the Chancery, touching certain writs. [*See Dom. Miscell., No.* 10., *leaf* 114.]

Dec. A rejoinder of the Cursitors to the replication of the Six Clerks respecting original writs. [*See ib., leaf* 109.]

Dec. 37. The opinion of Alderman Bond touching the exchange of money to be made into the higher parts of Germany.

38. Alexander Fisher to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His opinion on the course of proceeding in certain cases of high treason. God send many Markhams to be justices in this age.

39. Complaint of certain griefs offered and done to the Citizens of Oxford by the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Edmund Lilye) and the Scholars of the University, in the large construction of the late orders of the Privy Council:—Abuse of their powers in setting up persons in various trades as privileged persons; extortions of

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1585. the Clerks of the Market; taxation for musters; enforcing an oath to be taken by the Mayor and Bailiffs for observation of the liberties of the University.

40. The answer of the Vice-Chancellor and University of Oxford to the complaint of the Mayor and Burgesses of the city. Answer as to exercise of trades, to which men were not apprenticed, as Mr. Smythe, now mayor, sometime a butcher, but now a brewer.

41. A just recrimination of the University of Oxford against the Mayor and Burgesses of Oxford. Infringement of the liberties and privileges of the University; factious conduct of one Mr. Noble, an alderman, who ever delighted in raising contentions.

42. Schedule of rewards, immunities, and exemptions to be granted to the soldiers of the selected and trained bands, for their encouragement in the use and exercise of arms.

43. The Names of the Lords and other Justices of the Peace of the county of Sussex, who think it best to continue to hold the General Sessions at Chichester for the West part, and at Lewes for the East part of the shire.

44. Rice Vaughan to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires pardon for his rudeness, and acknowledges himself more rash than wise, more bold than learned, in pressing upon him so late as yesternight, for which he had been committed by him to the Marshalsea. Desires to be released. His father had served Her Majesty's father thirty years; his grandfather lay in bed with that famous Prince; and he himself had been schoolfellow with Sir Ph. Sidney.

45. Warrant to the Lord Warden of the Stannaries to permit the Company of Tinners of Devon and Cornwall to assemble, according to ancient custom, to hold a parliament for the devising such good laws as may be thought expedient. [*This was in the first instance addressed to the Earl of Bedford, who died in July*, 1585, *and afterwards altered to Sir Walter Raleigh.*]

46. Genealogical notes, by Lord Burghley, of the descent of the Shelly family, to the death of Henry Shelly in 1585; Tho. Shelly, his son, being under age.

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47. A brief note taken out of the susbidy books of all such persons in the Lathe of Aylesford, Kent, assessed at 40*s.* land by the year, upon a device that every man, charged in the subsidy, to pay 2*d.* in the pound, towards the charges of training.

48. Heighfeld's plat for the fortifications at Portsmouth.

49. Note of the fees of the Office of First Fruits and Tenths; how they arise, &c.

50. Petition of Alice Knottisforde to the Council. Complains of the conduct of one Walter Lee, who, under pretence of friendship, had fraudulently obtained possession of her lands and property, left by her husband to him in trust for her use.

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51. Memorial of English Merchants trading to Venice; complaining of the continuance of the increased imposts laid upon their traffic in 1580, notwithstanding the imposts in England under Acerbo Velutelli's patent had ceased.

52. Particulars of the lease supposed to be made of the Manor of Hayes in Stowe, co. Essex, by John late Earl of Oxford to William Ludkyn, with reasons to prove the said lease was not made to him.

53. Secret intelligence from one at Exeter. A mischievous practice intended for the Queen of Scots. The Scotch King is a Catholic, and has many Jesuits in his court. Scotland is the common passage for English caterpillars into foreign parts. Oxford and Cambridge are full of popish rogues. Somerfield was hanged to avoid mischief. The priest Cox is about to return to England.

54. The Council (?) to the Commissioners of Musters (?). Authority for John Killegrew, Esq., Captain of Pendennis Castle, to muster certain adjacent parishes, and to summon them when necessary for the defence of the castle.

55. Ralph Betham to Walsyngham (?). Father Parson's, "the Pope's Penitentiary at Rome" was in England two or three years ago. Further intelligence about him to be had from his uncle, Christopher Betham, of Adwell, Oxfordshire.

56. Complaint of Merchant Adventurers against the Searchers at the ports, for the too rigorous exaction of penalties on cloths exceeding the prescribed length.

57. Notes in the handwriting of Charles Lord Howard and Lord Burghley, relative to the Royal Navy. Names of captains and commanders.

58. The names of certain Benchers and Barristers of the Inns of Court, with their circuits.

59. Warrant for Sir Walter Raleigh to impress masters of ships, mariners, soldiers, provisions and munitions, in Devon, Cornwall, and Bristol, for a special service at sea.

60. Petition of Andrew Fulforde, captain of Sir Walter Raleigh's ship called the Jobe, and Thomas Raynforde, captain of the Lion of Viana, taken as prize by Sir Bernard Drake, to the Council. That Fulforde's ship had been taken at Dariana, and Raynforde's ship in Brittany, themselves imprisoned, and their ships confiscated. Pray for redress and restitution of their property.

61. Note of the merchandise that is brought out of the Indies.

62. Petition of Tho. Graye, in the name of the Masters of Her Majesty's Navy, and others on behalf of the Seamen of Norfolk and Suffolk, to the Council. For the maintenance of a watch-light on the steeple of Winterton in the town of Great Yarmouth; with Walsyngham's order thereon.

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63. Brief of the title of Richard Aldworth to the tithes of the lordship of Westlocking, *alias* Westlockage, in Berkshire, in opposition to the claims of Dr. Wythens, Vicar of Wantage; to be delivered to Sir Fr. Walsyngham.

64. Means for defraying the charges of levying of 1,000 horse; the money to be raised from the Recusants, Clergy, &c.

65. Extracts from various works on the use of certain ceremonies in the Church at the altar. Order by Card. Pole that every man should bow himself to the altar.

66. A device for the increase and establishing of learned Preachers. Indorsed in the subsequent century, "*A Puritanicall Devise.*"

67. Reasons for restricting the number of ale-houses and reforming certain abuses. Exactions under the grant of wines to Sir Walter Raleigh.

68. Propositions for the erection of an office for administering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to all passengers going abroad, and at the admission of new tenants at Court Leets, and on succession to property.

69. Richard Tottyll to [Lord Burghley?]. Details his endeavors to introduce the art of paper making in England, by the erection of a paper mill, which was impeded by the French manufacturers, who bought up all the English rags. Solicits a grant of the sole privilege of making paper in England for 31 years.

70. Confession of Henry Slater. His dealing with his father-in-law, Harrison, and with Simpson, a priest, in order to go abroad into some catholic country. Robinson, another priest, frequenteth about Newark-on-Trent. Mass said by Thornton a priest.

71. The humble suit of Peter Newall to Sir Fr. Walsyngham; for order to be given to the Officers of the Customs to suffer him to export 12,000 dickers of calves' skins in 12 years, under the term of his patent.

72. Pedigree of Edw. Neville; and statement that Richard Neville, cousin-german and nearest heir male of John last Lord Latimer, may bear his arms, without distinction, and that the descendants of that lord's daughters may also quarter his arms.

73. Petition of certain Printers of London to the Council; complaining of the conduct of Joseph Barnes, printer of Oxford, in reprinting the book called the Resolution. Also praying restitution of their property seized at Barnes's suit, for their printing and publishing a book compiled by Dr. Bilson.

74. The offers on the part and behalf of Tho. Leigh, Esq., in advancement of John Leigh, his son and heir apparent, with Ursula the daughter and sole heir of Mr. Christopher Hoddesdon.

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75. Mr. Ninian Challenor's answer to the objections pretended against him by Mr. Boyer, denying having provoked any tumult in the church, when violence was offered to Mr. Close.

76. Mr. Hensley's answers to Mr. Boyer's objections.

77. Petition of Sidrake Veare to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Solicits to be called to answer and to receive either liberty or condign punishment, having been in prison now fully 21 weeks.

78. Lists of papers and manuscripts, probably forming part of the collections in the State Paper Office:—occurrences; collections made for the relief of Geneva; a bundle of matters concerning the new league in France since their last taking arms.

79. Information given by John Willerton against John Anderson of Sybsie. Three reasons why the Queen commended the Archbishop of Canterbury:—1st, that he kept a good house; 2d, that he kept a company of good tall men; 3d, that he was unmarried.

80. An offer for the apprehension of divers seminary priests and their receivers in the counties of Hereford, Gloucester, and Monmouth.

81. List, in Burghley's hand, of certain Recusants,—Sir William Catesby and others; with directions to the Earl of Huntingdon, the Earl of Derby, and the Lord President of Wales to have regard to them.

82. The Council to Commissioners in certain shires. To take account of the arms and armour of all Recusants, and to receive the same into their possession.

83. Articles exhibiting the trouble and grievances growing to the Clerk of the Peace in Hampshire by the Recusants; with some means for the remedy of the same.

84. Petition of John Lyte, prisoner in Wood Street Counter, to the Council. Information against a priest and a gentleman backward in religion. Desires that his cause may be heard or that he may be permitted to serve in Her Majesty's wars in the Low Countries.

85. List of Priests and Students at Douay, and in Lancashire.

86. Interrogatories for some person unknown. His information as to a General Council, where to be held, &c. Of succour or relief received in money or otherwise.

87. Notes out of the Mayor of Southampton's letter of the 8th of March. Of persons brought over from Lisbon, by Lucas Felix, a conveyor of persons into England from Lisbon.

88. Letter to Henry Browne and Mr. Lambert. Mr. Worsley is come and is safely placed till the assizes be done. Forty shillings must be sent to Mr. Rowse at Douay College. He and one Francis

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Blenkinsop are desirous to enter the Order. Mr. Roberts is hardly thought of about getting his liberty when before the Bishop of London.

89. Information of certain seminary priests.

90 List of the names of the English, Scottish, and Irish persons pensioned by the King of Spain; with the amount of pension allowed to each. The English and Irish cost him yearly 44,808 crowns, and the Scotch 10,944 crowns.

91. Tho. Wolseley to Chevalier Boisgaudrie. His arrival at Coventry, and his illness there. Hopes for a safe return. Latin.

92. Legal opinion of Edw. Fenner, Thomas Walmysley, Wm. Fletewoode, and others, upon the tenure of the chantry lands of Blackburne, that the copyhold lands for the sustentation of a free grammar school and a song school, were not taken away from the feoffees by the Act for Dissolution of Chantries, temp. Edw. VI.

93. Notes relating to the manors of Socke, Evelchester (Ilchester), Evelton, and Chestermead, in the county of Somerset.

94. Questions to be resolved touching goods saved out of any ship perished on the sea or seacoast, but the men saved, whereby it is held to be no wreck; with the opinion of the lawyers on the decision of the civil law in such case.

95. A note of such things as are at the Friar's House at Guildford; value of the materials, enough to build a house for him that farms the ground.

96. Petition of Jenett Thomas and her seven sons and three daughters to the Council. For some course to be taken by their Lordships between her and John Wynne, Esq., who endeavors to deprive her of her tenements in the county of Carnarvon, parcel of the late dissolved Monastery of Conway.

97. Petition of John Sturgys to same. For redress against the usurious dealings of Robert Weckes, who, assisted by Matthew Colthurst, Thomas Weckes, and others, had wrongfully obtained judgment against him and detained him in prison.

98. Petition of Robert Pulvertofte to the Queen. That she would grant his humble request relating to wines, in consideration of his great losses in the surrounding of his lands in Holland, co. Lincoln.

99. Petition of Inhabitants in the liberties of the Tower of London to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Soliciting that a Court Leet may be held by the steward to hear their complaints against Mr. Phillips, a

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1585? discharged warder of the Tower, who much avaunteth that he shall be restored to his place again. Commendations of the present steward, whom they think too good to continue amongst them.

100. Warrant to the Mayors, Sheriffs, and others, commanding them to charge every inn holder, tavern keeper, and other common victuallers to place in their rooms a breviat or table printed by John Storye, of Redcliff (Ratcliffe), Middlesex, for the better observance of fish days.

101. Articles for reformation of the order and state of merchandize; proposing the restriction of shipping to certain port towns and a general registry of merchants.

102. "Certain things to be considered of for the special wealth of the Realm of England," entering into details relative to the foreign and home trade of the kingdom.

103. Grant of licence by the Queen to Tho. Stokes, of London merchant of the Staple, for the exportation of wheat. [*There was a great dearth all* 1586.]

104. Petition of the poor Artificers, occupying the trade of printing in London, to Sir F. Walsyngham. Complain of the wrongs, done to them by a few privileged persons; by whom many of the petitioners had been cast into prisons, where some still remain to their importable charges.

105. Phil. Curtys to Sir Chr. Hatton and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. To have directions for the trying of Allen Chapman and John Pettyt, assistants to Dr. Webbe, confessor-general at Rheims, arrested by Curtys in the county of Cambridge.

Grant to John Paine of the office of Keeper of the Armory at Westminster, on surrender by John Loveday of the said office which John Hunter, deceased, had. [*See Warrant Book* I., *p.* 16.]

Grant to J. W. and W. D., of Putney, of the office of Brownbaker for the providing, making, and baking of all horsebread necessary for the Queen's stables. [*See Warrant Book*, I., *p.* 116.]

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Jan. 1. Stanstead. 1. Edward Baesh to Lord Burghley. Fitting out of a fleet of all Her Majesty's ships, and 22 of the best merchant ships, and victualling the same for three months. Estimate of cask and clapboard necessary for the same. Necessity of finishing the storehouses at Portsmouth.

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Jan. 1 ? My house at the Strand. 2. Lord Burghley to the Customers and others of the Port of London. To prohibit the exportation of casks and clapboards, the same being required for the Navy; and to take bond that the merchant shall bring back into England 200 clapboards for every 7 tons of beer exported.

Jan. 2. 3. The names of five of Her Majesty's ships and five merchant ships appointed for present service, with their tonnage and number of mariners, gunners, and soldiers. Estimate of their charges for three months.

Jan 3. 4. Memorial of public business, in Lord Burghley's hand. Ireland; treaty with Scotland; the whole Navy, and musters. Verses of Melissus, the poet.

Jan. 3. Dublin Castle. 5. Sir John Perrot to the Council. Excuses his delay in answering their letters. Desires his recal from Ireland, and explains the unjustifiable behaviour of one Wyriot towards him, in carrying on most vexatious suits against him in his absence. Sends a copy of Wyriot's scoffing and spiteful letter. *Incloses,*

5. I. *The condition that Sir John Perrot requireth of Tho. Wyriot, to enter into a bond of* 1,000*l.*, *and to ask forgiveness.*

5. II. *Order in Council that Tho. Wyriot should give bond not to wear any more Her Majesty's livery as yeoman of her chamber.*

Jan. 4. Bakonsthorpe. 6. Sir William Heydon to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends the letters and certificates for transporting grain. Hopes his honor has recovered his health. Dispute concerning the wearing of surplices; some godly preachers are molested, but papistry and popery are nothing checked.

Jan. 5. The Court. 7. Lord Burghley to same. Desires him to send the depositions of witnesses in the suit between the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Topclyffe.

Jan. 5. 8. List of the names of Sea Captains. The influence of Drake on the members of his family is remarkable, no less than six of that name being in this list of naval commanders; viz., Sir Francis Drake himself, Bernard Drake, Richard Drake, Thomas Drake, Hugh Drake, and —— Drake, gentleman.

Jan. 6. 9. Daniel Rogers to his especial friend and patron Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Solicits that Walsyngham's chaplain may be appointed to the treasurership of St. Paul's, and he himself to the prebend of Windsor. His services for the last eighteen years.

Jan. 6. 10. Petition of William Gyes, Tho. Dennis, and Tho. Morgan, to the Council; committed for the escape of one Richard Pauncefoote. [*Much decayed.*]

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Jan. 7. 11. Notes taken out of some letters written from Lisbon, in a ship of Embden, arrived at Portsmouth on the 7th of January 1585–6. Stay of masts and other stores at Lisbon by King Philip. Five Spanish ships coming from St. Domingo taken by Englishmen. Capture of 30 ships from Brazil and other places, by English men-of-war.

Jan. 8. 12. An old precedent for "fooring beer." Order given by the Lord Treasurer in 1568 to Oliver Daubeney, for the fooring or portage of beer to the ships.

Jan. 10. Hamledon Park. 13. Antony Vuedale to the Council. In answer to the charge imposed on him for furnishing of a light horse. Has already furnished a kinsman of his, Jacob Vuedale, serving with Sir Ph. Sidney, with a light horse.

Jan. 14. 14. Warrant to the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer to make payment to such as Horatio Pallavicino shall appoint, of all such sums as he has provided beyond seas for the Queen's service.

Jan. 14. Tixall. 15. Richard Bagot to the Council. Reports his doings in matters of piracy within the county of Stafford, and the examination of Mrs. Aston, formerly wife of Tho. Clarke the pirate. *Incloses,*

15. I. *The Examination of Mrs. Julian Aston, sometime wife of Tho. Clarke, deceased, relative to his property.*

Jan. 14. 16. Dr. Aubrey, judge of the Admiralty, Dr. Forthe, and Dr. Hamond to same. Naval causes. Their opinion on the examination of the suit between Mons. Gelee and Richard Stapers.

Jan. 15. 17. Sir William Heydon and Nathaniel Bacon to same. Certify the prices of provisions in Norfolk and the quantities of grain and victuals exported. *Inclosing,*

17. I. *Certificate of corn, grain, and other victuals exported from the town of Lynn Regis.*

17. II. *Certificate of corn and victuals exported from Yarmouth and other towns on the coast.*

Jan. 16. London. 18. The Judge of the Admiralty, Dr. Forthe, and Dr. Hamond to same. Their opinion touching the goods brought into Dover Haven by Captains Pedell and Lillo.

Jan. 16. 19. Intelligence from Spain. King Philip at Saragosa, when his daughter was married. News of Sir Francis Drake's arrival at Bayon; terror occasioned by his appearance, and fear of the English power. Delay of the Indian fleet, and stay of shipping at Lisbon. A fleet of sixteen sail of great ships under the Marquis Santa Croce.

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Jan. 16. 20. Advertisements out of Spain. That the Spanish ships would not sail for Newfoundland this year; scarcity of corn; an army preparing at Lisbon. Sailing of the Spanish fleet for the Indies.

Jan. 16. 21. Note of the names of certain Bishops for translation; and of other men worthy of preferment to Deaneries, Doctor Bancrofte, Dr. Bonde, and ten others.

Jan. 17. Greenwich. 22. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Sends him the schedules for levying of light horses on the holders of pluralties. An account to be prepared of the Queen's charges for the maintenance of the forces at home and for the Cautionary towns abroad. His son's (Sir William) mishap in the capture of his hoy with 12 horses and 2 geldings; his charges are intolerable. *Incloses,*

22. I. *Schedule of the names of ecclesiastical persons as are to be charged with the furnishing of light horse, or to make a money payment in lieu of the same, amounting to* 331 *horse.*

22. II. *Schedule of the names of the pluralists in several dioceses, with the number of lances and light horse to be assessed upon them.*

22. III. *Note of the number of lances and light horse to be charged upon the Bishops and other persons having pluralities.*

22. IV. *Note of the numbers of lances and light horse to be levied on the Bishops, Deans, and Chapters.*

Jan. 17. 23. Account of the charge and discharge of brass ordnance between the 14th of April 1568 and the 31st of December 1582, and of the remainder in Her Majesty's stores taken by the auditors. *Indorsed,* "17 *Jan.*, 1585."

Jan. 18. 24. Capt. Pers's note of the breadth, height, and depth of the new works at the fortifications, Portsmouth.

Jan. 19. 25. Estimate by the same for the erection of a wall for the citadel at Portsmouth.

Jan. 19. 26. Pers's notes and estimates for the erection of a citadel at Portsmouth.

Jan. 19. 27. Survey made by Capt. William Pers of the measurement of the bulwarks, and grounds about the same, at Portsmouth.

Jan. 19. 28. The estimate for the fortification of the town of Portsmouth according to the new plat.

Jan. 19? 29. Demands set down by Richard Popynjaye, surveyor, and Captain Wm. Pers, engineer, for the fortifications at Portsmouth, wages of 800 men for four months, salaries of officers, &c.

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Jan. 19. 30. Estimate of the charges for the fortifications at Portsmouth.

Jan. 19. 31. Answer of Peter Osborne, Tho. Smythe, Customer of the Port of London, and others, to Lord Burghley, concerning "fowring" beer.

Jan. 20. Greenwich. 32. Verses by Melissus, the poet, in commendation of Daniel Rogers. Latin.

Jan. 23. Oxford. 33. The University of Oxford to Walsyngham. Urging the necessity of maintaining the privileges of the University. Latin.

Jan. 25. London. 34. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Sends a note of charges of the three ships serving on the seas. Has been in ill health. *Incloses,*

34. 1. *A note of the monthly charge of Her Majesty's ships named the Scout, the Bull, and the Achates, now serving on the seas.*

Jan. 27. Temple Bar. 35. William Herlle to Walsyngham. Thanks for his letters and money. His illness. Will take his departure for the Low Countries on Tuesday next, and desires letters from Her Majesty to the Earl of Leicester in his behalf. Affairs of the Merchant Adventurers. Requests him to write to the Provost and Fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, touching the lease of certain tithes.

Jan. 30. 36. Particulars of the Orders of Council, 30th of Jan. 1585–6, relative to the privileges and immunities of the University of Oxford, to be observed by the Mayor and Burgesses of the city. Objections of the citizens to various points: the citizens never agreed, nor ever mean to take an oath to maintain the liberties and customs of the University. No purveyor for the Household to meddle within five miles of the University.

Jan 30. London. 37. Dr. Wm. Aubrey to Walsyngham. Gives his opinion relative to the tallow brought to Dover, that it could not properly be considered as a prohibited commodity. Definition of free goods in neutral ships.

Jan. 31. 38. Petition of Richard Cliborne to same. Has long been a prisoner in the Clink, and is aged and much decayed by sickness. Requests six months liberty to repair to Bath. [*It appears that Cliborne obtained licence to be at liberty from the last of January to the first of May* 1586, *on account of his health. Co. Reg.*]

Jan. 31. 39, 40. Estimate for provisions for the Office of the Ordnance for the seas; also for new building and other reparations to be done at the storehouses at Woolwich. [*In duplicate.*]

Jan. 41. An estimate for the repair of the slaughter house, and for making of a pond and other works at Portsmouth.

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1586. Jan. 42. Provision of materials, stores, &c., needful presently to be made for the setting forth of the works at Dover Haven, to be begun in February.

Jan. 43. Note of the rate of wages usually allowed to officers employed in Her Majesty's Navy, as for example, "the Lion."

Jan. 44. A note of charges sustained and paid for the guarding of Her Majesty's Navy Royal; and for the charge of a great chain of iron, to cross the river over against Upnor Castle, with timber work on both sides of the River Medway. By Sir Wm. Wynter, John Hawkyns, and Wm. Holstok.

Jan? 45. An estimate of the charges for the Royal Navy, anno 1585; with sundry charges incident to the same.

Jan. 46. Note of timber felled by Mr. Peter Pett, of Deptford, shipwright, by warrant from the Lord Treasurer and Sir Chr. Hatton, within the Manor of Eltham, and the parks thereto adjoining, and is yet to be answered for. Priced by John Fearne, woodward there.

Jan. 47. Articles touching the survey of Her Majesty's ships, as also for the inquiry of abuses heretofore committed. Decay of ships of late years, since 1579. Commissioners to appoint persons to survey the ships, in presence of Sir Wm. Wynter, Mr. Hawkyns, Wm. Holstok, and Wm. Borough, and also Pett and Baker.

Feb. 1. Tupholme. 48. Charles Lord Willoughby, of Parham, to the Warden and Assistants of Louth. Explains the order taken by himself and Sir Geo. Henneage relative to inclosures complained of by the poor inhabitants of Louth as infringements of their common-right. And letter from the same to his cousin, Richard Bollis, on the same subject.

Feb. 1. 49. Presentation of Dr. Richard Bancroft to the dignity of Treasurer of St. Paul's, London, in place of Herbert Westfaling promoted to the bishoprick of Hereford. Latin.

Feb. 2. 50. The Queen to Sir Wm. Courteney, Sir Robt. Denys, and others, of Devon, and Sir Fra. Godolphin and Sir Wm. Mohun, of Cornwall. Intrusting to them the special government of those counties, the holding of musters, levying of soldiers, &c., their authority by deputation from the late Earl of Bedford having ceased at his death. Chiefly in Walsyngham's hand.

Feb. 2. 51. Fair copy of the above, with further corrections by Burghley.

Feb. 2. 52. Instructions to Sir Wm. Courteney, Sir Robt. Denys, Sir John Gilberte, Sir Arthur Basset and Sir John Chichester for the putting in strength of all Her Majesty's subjects within the county of Devon, for defence of the same in case of any invasion, in pursuance of letters of deputation granted to them by the late Earl of Bedford,

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Lord Lieutenant of the county; with a memorandum for Sir Francis Godolphin and Sir Wm. Mohun, to act as deputy lieutenants for the county of Cornwall.

Feb. 2. 53. Note of Fr. Cotton's receipts and disbursements for the works at Portsmouth, since the granting of the last privy seal.

Feb. 4. 54. William Melsam to Sir F. Walsyngham. Advertisements out of Spain. Immense quantities of grain, wine, and military stores provided by the King of Spain. Increase of his fleet and land forces from various parts. Desires a warrant that he may not be molested by the Spanish Company.

Feb 5. 55. Note of oak, ash, and elm timber to be provided for the works at Portsmouth; signed by Thomas Frymley.

Feb. 7. Chichester. 56. Commissioners for restraint of grain in Sussex to Burleigh. Certify the amount of grain transported from port to port since Midsummer last. The markets are well supplied, but the prices are high, wheat being at 3*s.* 4*d.* a bushel. *Inclosing,*

56. I, *Certificate of grain transported from port to port, out of the Rapes of Chichester, Arundel, and Bramber, co. Sussex, since Midsummer last.*

Feb. 9. Hellford. 57. Edward Seymoure, Vice-Admiral of Cornwall, to the Council. Had repaired to Hellford where Diggory Piper was with his ships, and commanded him to appear before their lordships to answer for certain grain sold by him.

Feb. 9. 58. Brief account of all such sums of money as have been paid out of the Receipt of the Exchequer unto Francis Cotton, for the works lately begun at Portsmouth.

Feb. 11. The Minories. 59. Sir William Pelham to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires him to call upon the sureties of Silvester Bellowe, a company keeper with Papists, to take order with him as to the conveyance of certain lands, purchased of him by Pelham.

Feb. 12. Southampton. 60. Tho. Errington, Mayor of Southampton, to the Council. In answer to certain complaints made against him for refusing to let pass prohibited commodities, taken out of a ship of Flushing by Marcus Peterson and Peter Emanuell. [*Much decayed.*]

Feb. 12. 61. Note of the several offences of D. Atslowe, Tho. Somersett, and Petro Cubiare. Treason and intercourse with Papists. Correspondence of P. Cubiare with Don Bernardino de Mendosa, for the invasion of England by Spain.

Feb. 12. Settingbourn. 62. William Crowmer and others, Justices of Kent, to the Council. Have inquired concerning a riot supposed to have been committed in the Isle of Sheppey. *Inclosing,*

62. I. *Examinations of Richard Askew, bailiff of Tho. Randolphe, Esq., relative to goods found on the beach and other places in the Isle of Sheppey.*

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Feb. 13. Dover. 63. Wm. Willis, mayor of Dover, and Tho. Elwood, to Lord Cobham. Forward letters from Antwerp. Arrival of five Englishmen taken prisoners at Dunkirk, with Sir Tho. Cecill's horses. Desire instructions as to the arrival of many poor persons, all Papists, from various towns in Flanders.

Feb. 13. Hellford. 64. Diggory Piper to the Council. Had received commandment from the Vice-Admiral of Cornwall to their lordships relative to the sale of corn and other provisions taken out of a hulk of Denmark. [*Much decayed.*]

Feb. 13. Mount Edgecombe. 65. Piers Edgecombe to same. Gives information of no small treasure supposed to be contained in five ships or flyboats arrived at Plymouth and destined for the Low Countries. His proceeding relative to the same. *Incloses,*

65. I. *Statement of the causes that induced Mr. Edgecombe to interfere in the matter of the five ships at Plymouth. Insufficient proceedings of the Mayor of Plymouth.*

65. II. *The confession of the skippers of the five ships or flyboats now being at Plymouth: together with copy of the passport by Thomas Forde, mayor, and the comburgesses of Plymouth, for the ship Fortune of Embden, Peter Rovers master.*

65. III. *Copy of the warrant of Thomas Forde, mayor, and the comburgesses of Plymouth.*

Feb. 14. 66. Account of the sums received by Robert Freke, one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, for the furnishing of the light horses; besides the money paid to Sir Tho. Cecill and Sir Philip Sidney.

Feb. 17. Chancery Lane. 67. Judge Francis Wyndham and Baron Edw. Flowerdew to the Council. Certify that William James, Ordinary Yeoman of the Chamber, was an earnest prosecutor of offenders in Monmouthshire, in their circuit.

Feb. 19. 68. Orders to be put in execution by the Justices of Peace in the several counties of this realm, for the restraint of eating and killing of flesh in Lent and days prohibited. [*These orders were issued by the Council on the 19th February* 1585–6. *Co. Reg.*]

Feb. 19. Mount Edgecombe. 69. Piers Edgecombe to the Council. Sends up certain suspected letters found at the lodgings of the skippers of the five flyboats after their departure from Plymouth.

Feb. 19. 70. Sir Tho. Mildemay and Henry Graye to same. Had received from the Earl of Leicester their commission and instructions. Their doings in the Musters for Essex. They had formerly made certificate to the Earl of Leicester; but now send other answers to the articles required. *Inclosing,*

70. I. *Answer of the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex to the sixteen articles required of them relative to the trained bands of the county, landing places, beacons, ammunition to be furnished by the town of Colchester, &c.*

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Feb. 19. London. 71. Paulus Melissus (the poet) to Walsyngham. His intended departure for France. Offers to take charge of any letters. Desires that letters arriving from Sir Philip Sydney, his old friend, may be forwarded to him.

Feb. 20. Godolphin. 72. Sir Francis Godolphin to same. Touching the sale of the goods brought in by Capt. Piper. [*Much decayed.*]

Feb. 20. Comwell. [q. Coombwell.] 73. Alexander Colepepyr to the Council. Signifies his readiness to pay the sum of 50*l.* into the Exchequer.

Feb. 21. Hertford. 74. The Deputy Lieutenants of Hertfordshire to same. Certify their proceedings in the Musters, under the orders received from the Earl of Leicester, the lord lieutenant. Copy of which orders is given consisting of 16 articles, together with their answers to the same.

Feb. 21. 75. Form of the entries outwards and inwards to be made by the Custom Officers of the Ports; attested by John Popham.

Feb. 22. 76. Certain orders to be observed in all the Custom Houses of all the ports and creeks within the realm, whereof the customs and subsidies for all merchandise, both inward and outward, are demised by lease from Her Majesty to Sir Francis Walsyngham.

Feb. 23. 77. Brief of the Earl of Rutland's proceedings in the Commission of Lieutenancy for the county of Lincoln, according to the orders sent to him by Mr. William Waad. Names of officers appointed to command the forces of the county. Arrangements relative to the musters, landing places, petronells, beacons, pioneers, disarming the Papists, &c.

Feb. 25. 78. Tho. Phelippes to Walsyngham. Returns his letters, with the alphabet (cypher) which he took away by mistake. Had received 21 packets, great and small. [*Relating to Mary Queen of Scots?*]

Feb. 25. 79. Sir John Gilberte to the Council. Touching the stay of a ship laden with Spanish goods. Sends an inventory of the merchandise. [*Much decayed.*]

Feb. 25. Eathrope. 80. Sir William Pelham to Walsyngham. In behalf of his suit to Her Majesty. Desires death rather than infamy. Colman will show to him the copy of the letter he has addressed to Her Majesty, which his dear friend, Mr. Greville, will deliver.

Feb. 25. Greenwich. 81, 82. The Council to the Sheriffs and Justices in the several shires. That Her Majesty was graciously pleased, on account of the readiness with which the Recusants furnished the light horses for Her Majesty's service, to grant them an immunity from the pains and penalties inflicted by law, on condition of their offering some reasonable compensation to be annually paid to Her Majesty. [*Two copies.*]

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Feb. 25. Greenwich. 83. Another copy of the preceding; signed by the Council, and addressed to the county of Bedford.

Feb. 26. 84. Depositions of Zachary Boine, of Middleburg, taken before Dr. Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, on behalf of Gasper Barbose Cabessa, merchant of Rochelle, touching the capture of his ship by Captain Drake.

Feb. 27. Ludlow Castle. 85. Sir Henry Sydney to Archbishop Whitgyfte and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. In behalf of Edward Cowper, to be excused from furnishing two light horse. *Incloses,*

85. I. *Edward Cowper to Sir H. Sydney. States his inability to furnish two light horse, as required by the Council. Attested by John Watkins, dean, and Wm. Penson, chancellor of Hereford, and Edm. Threlkeld.*

Feb. 86. Petition of the Inhabitants of Norton Lynsey, co. Warwick, to the Council; complaining of the outrageous conduct of Nicholas Bucke, who disquieted the whole parish, ruined their church, cast down the doors, destroyed the windows, and totally deprived them of divine service. [*On the 5th of March* 1586 *Bucke entered his appearance before the Council to answer the charges against him. Co. Reg.*]

Feb. 87. Answer of Rene Tardif proving that his goods are not forfeited, as is pretended by Mr. Saunders.

Feb.? 88. Petition of Thomas Smythe, Mayor, Wm. Leving and Wm. Noble, Aldermen, and Jo. Hollway, Town Clerk, of the city of Oxford, to the Council; complaining of the conduct of the Vice-Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University, whereby the liberties and rights of the city are daily broken and taken away, the poor citizens greatly hindered and impoverished, and their wives and families quite undone. [*The differences between the University and City were referred for hearing to Lord Cobham, Lord Buckhurst, and others,* 14*th March* 1585–6. *Co. Reg.*]

Feb. 89. An estimate of the charge of five barks and pinnaces to serve in the Narrow Seas for two months.

Feb. 90. Another estimate for the same five barks and pinnaces.

Feb.? 91. William Randall, of Ipswich, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham and Sir Chr. Hatton. Information of the speeches and prophecies of Jane Stanlie made to Elizabeth Vessie, wife of Raphal Vessie, of the reappearance of King Edward VI. Conversation with Mantell the traitor, who was to personate King Edward. His arrest and conviction on the evidence of one Collins of Maldon. Practices of Dr. Elkes, in conjuring and witchcraft with Ralph Spacie to discover treasure, making rings for gaming with, &c. Escape of Mantell, &c.

Feb.? 92. Abstract of the principal points in the foregoing information.

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March 1. Rye. 1. The Mayor and Jurats of Rye to Lord Cobham and Sir Francis Walsyngham. Conference with those of the French Church in London sent down to those of that church in Rye, as to removal of the great numbers of strangers from Rye, of whom upwards of 1,500 still remain.

March 1. 2. The Ministers of the French Church at Rye to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Mons. Catol has been charged to perform the Council's orders. Desire letters to the magistrate where they shall take up their residence, for the exercise of their religion.

March 2. Caresbrooke Castle. 3. Sir George Carey to same. Brian Fitzwilliams and Capt. Pers have made a survey and estimates for fortifying Carisbroke Castle, Yarmouth, and Freshwater, depending on Mr. Shelley's life. His opinion the island should be better fortified, and hopes that he, Walsyngham, as a principal freeholder of the island, will further such a good action.

March 2. 4. Declaration by Andrew Ilman of his state and interest in the farm of Bowcombe in the Isle of Wight; supposed to have appertained to the Castle of Carisbroke. Proposed an exchange with Sir Geo. Carey.

March 2. Newpark. 5. Earl of Derby to the Council. Reports his proceedings in the commission of lieutenancy for Lancaster and Chester. *Incloses,*

5. I. *Answers to the sixteen articles of the order of Council particularly specified.*

5. II. *Certificate of the number of forces mustered for the counties of Lancaster and Chester.*

March 3. 6. The examinations of Ralph Palmer and John Smithe, seminary priests, taken at Battle, co. Sussex; touching their going into France and adherence to the popish religion. Both deny bringing any bulls, grains, or other relics into England.

March 3. 7 Another copy of the preceding.

March 9. Cornwall. 8. Sir Wm. Mohun and Sir Francis Godolphin, Lieutenants for the county of Cornwall, to the Council. They desire to have the like instructions sent them as were delivered to the late Earl of Bedford for putting in readiness the trained bands and other forces of the county.

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March 5. Newark. 9. Earl of Rutland to Walsyngham. Arrest of Anthony Atkinson upon suspicion of being a seminary or massing priest. Doubts but that he is some bad instrument. *Incloses,*

9. I. *The examination of Anthony Atkinson, priest. His travels abroad and profession as a priest.*

March 5. 10. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. States his proceedings, in the cause between Wilson and one Hughes, for erecting improper buildings in the City, contrary to Her Majesty's proclamation, and not between Wilson and Smythe as alleged.

March 5. 11. Same to same. The funds of the Corporation are too low to permit them to contribute anything towards the repair and making of two stone bridges at Ilford, but they would lend 100*l.* gratis, upon security, for one year, towards the same.

March 5. Sheffield. 12. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen. Has received her letters for the stay of two suits; one against Wm. Cavendish, his wife's son, the other against one Beresford, his wife's man. Her Majesty's former order did not extend to those two suits. He must prosecute his suit against Beresford, as it touches his honor and credit; but is willing to propose his suit against W. Cavendish till next summer assizes.

March 6. Godolphin. 13. Sir Fr. Godolphin to Walsyngham. Particulars of an attack made upon Mr. Chalynor's ship laden with wines, by a ship of Ireland, belonging to Mr. Norys, under Scottish colours. Plunder of Chalynor's ship, and seizure of the Baron de la Fage, a passenger.

March 6. London. 14. Dr. Julius Cæsar to the Council. Explanation of his report on the case between Richard Tomson and the Merchants trading to Turkey.

March 6. 15. Duplicate of the preceding.

March 6. Padstow. 16. Edw. Seymoure to the Council. Had arrested Mr. Roscarrocke's ship at Padstow, and taken an inventory of the goods. Proceedings with Capt. Ppier and his crew.

March 6. The Tower. 17. Anthony Bowrne to Sir John Conway. Particulars about some trunks and other property, in answer to Mr. Grey's demands. Money affairs. Is desirous of putting an end to all his quarrels with his relations.

March 6. Westminster. 18. Hugh Bellot, Bishop of Bangor, to Walsyngham. Has received directions for levying certain sums upon ecclesiastical persons for the furnishing of lances for Her Majesty's service. Owen Owen, Archdeacon of Anglesea, and Edmund Merick, Archdeacon of Bangor, two of the persons named, were not residing within his diocese. The Dean hath but a poor living, and the prebends are very poor and small.

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March 6. The Tower. 19. Sir Owyn Hopton to the Council. Renews his old suit that Mr. Roscarrocke may be released upon bond, and to be at all times forthcoming when called for; having been a prisoner five years and a quarter, and owes him, the Lieutenant, 140*l.*

March 6. The Tower. 20. Same to same. That Mr. Henry Dale may be commanded to remove his storehouse of powder, wherein is 40 lasts of powder, to some other place of less danger, because the house stands on Tower Hill, where rogues and vagabonds oftentimes lodge in the night and burn straw to warm themselves.

March 6. 21. Petition of Paul Tobast and others, factors for merchants of Middleburg and Amsterdam, to the Council; complaining of the capture of their ship, the Hope of Flushing, by John Byrd, Watts, and Stokes of London. [*This cause was committed to the hearing of Dr. Aubrey, Dr. Forth, and others, on the 6th of March* 1586. *Co. Reg.*]

March 7. 22. Acerbo Velutelli to Walsyngham. His friendship with the Earl of Leicester. Desires him to have consideration of his great losses. Italian.

March 8. 23. Brief of the Privy Seal for payment of the wages of the three barks and two pinnaces, to be set forth to the seas for two months.

March 2. Exeter. 24. The Lieutenants of Devonshire to the Council. Request similar instructions may be sent to them as those given to the late Earl of Bedford, for their direction in the musters. Desire to know if their commission includes the county and town of Exeter and other privileged places. The county is not able to furnish 200 horsemen, although in former times it supplied 700.

March 10. Hereford. 25. The Prebendaries of Hereford to Walsyngham. Desire to be severally rated what each of them shall contribute to the furnishing of three lances, to the end no more strife may grow thereof among themselves.

March 10. Godolphin. 26. Sir Fr. Godolphin to same. Particulars of the taking of the Baron de la Fage in the ship named the Providence of God, by Capt. Marys, in the service of Mr. Norys. Sends up various letters and papers directed to the French Ambassador.

March 10. London. 27. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor, to same. Has received the draft of the proposed letter to the Queen, in behalf of Mr. Edon, for the office of Alnager for the city of London. *Incloses,*

27. I. *The answer of the Searchers of Woollen Cloths, within the city of London, to the request of John Edon, for the office of Alnager.*

March 10. 28. Account of the sums issued to Francis Cotton for the fortifications at Portsmouth.

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March 10. 29. Mr. Cotton's note of the sums of money issued out for the works at Portsmouth.

March 10. 30. Wm. Spyser's particulars of the new walls made about "the Camber" at Portsmouth, as measured on the 6th of November, 1585.

March 11. Sheffield. 31. The Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. Reports the proceedings of himself and his Deputy Lieutenants in the musters within the lieutenancy of Derby and Stafford. *Incloses,*

31. I. *Certificate of able men selected and appointed to be in readiness within the county of Stafford.*

31. II. *Certificate of demi-lances and light horse within the county of Stafford,*

31. III. *Duplicate of the last article, returned by the Deputy Lieutenants to the Earl of Shrewsbury.*

31. IV. *Certificate of all footmen selected to be in readiness within the county of Derby.*

31. V. *Certificate of all the demi-lances and light horse furnished and viewed within the county of Derby.*

31. VI. *Duplicate of the last article returned, as above.*

March 12. Bury St. Edmunds. 32. Robert Goldynge to same. Complains of the evil dealing of the Mayor of Thetford against many of the inhabitants, since the inquiry into the misdemeanors of Anthony Fryer, the town clerk there.

March 12. 33, 34. Orders to be published and put in execution by the Vice-Admirals of this realm, set down by the Lord Admiral: forbidding reprizals to be made of ships of any other nations than Spain and Portugal. [*Imprinted at London by Christopher Barker, at the commandment of Her Majesty's Privy Council. Two Copies.*]

March 12. Sheppey. 35. John Ayscoughe to Walsyngham. Has committed to Canterbury gaol Tho. Canke, a butcher, for certain evil speeches in censure of the execution of Dr. Parry. *Incloses,*

35. I. *The examinations of Thomas Hamon and others, of Minster, in the Isle of Sheppey, relating to the speeches of Tho. Canke.*

March 14. 36. Certificate of the persons charged with the furnishing of lances and light horses, for the service of Her Majesty, in the Western division of the county of Somerset.

March 14. 37, Similar certificate of the persons charged with the furnishing of horses for the Eastern division of the same county.

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March 14. 38, 39. Two specifications by Capt. Wm. Pers of the earthwork to be done about the citadel at Portsmouth, for which he demands the services of 200 men.

March 14. 40. Estimate by Capt. Pers of the charges for the said earthworks.

March 14. 41. Wm. Spyser's estimate of the charges for the erection of the wall of the citadel at Portsmouth.

March 14. 42. Estimate of all the charges for the works to be performed in the fortifications at Portsmouth, for the town and for the citadel. [*Two papers.*]

March 16. 43. Note of munition and victuals remaining in the ships; sent from the Lord Admiral.

March 18. 44. Note of ordnance remaining in the Ordnance Office in the Tower and aboard Her Majesty's ships; by Sir Wm. Wynter.

March 18. 45. Justices of Berkshire to the Council. Their proceeding with the Recusants. Many voluntarily appeared and taxed themselves with a yearly payment. *Incloses,*

45. I. *The certificate of the offers made by certain Recusants of Berkshire to be discharged of the penalties of the statutes on payment of a yearly sum to Her Majesty. Signed by the respective parties.*

45. II. *The names of the Recusants who were absent at the meeting of the Commissioners.*

March 19. Blandford. 46. The Deputy Lieutenants of Dorsetshire to same; stating that they had not received the articles concerning which their lordships desire an answer.

March 19. Norwich. 47. Roger Layer, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Norwich to same; that they may be permitted to kill calves before the time limited by the statute, on account of the scarcity of provisions.

March 19. London. 48. Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Master of the Rolls, and Sir Owyn Hopton to same. Certify their proceedings with the Recusants in London and Middlesex for a composition to exempt them from the penalties of the statute. *Inclosing,*

48. I. *Names of Recusants sometimes resident about London and Middlesex, but now dispersed into other counties.*

48. II. *Abstract of the offers of the Recusants in London and Middlesex to be freed from the penalty of the statute, with the sums to be paid yearly by each.*

48. III.–XIII. *The offers made by the Recusants severally to be exempt from the penalty of the statute, being 24 in num-*

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ber, and signed by their own hands, including among others, Sir Tho. Fitzherbert, Lord Vaux, Lady Eliz. Poulet, Sir John Arundell, John Gage, Sir Thomas Tresam, Sir Thomas Gerard, &c.

March 19. Durham. 49. Bishop Barnes to the Council. Informs the Lords of his dealings with the Recusants in his diocese of Durham *Incloses,*

49. I. *A copy of the schedule of Recusants in the diocese of Durham, with the Bishop's answer respecting each person; signed by the Bishop and Tobie Matthew.*

March 20. 50. Information given by Lieven Aschevier, born at Ghent, touching the practices of certain Jesuits against the Queen's Majesty, one having come to England to do a desperate enterprize upon Her Majesty's person, even as was done upon the Prince of Orange. Design to kill the Earl of Leicester, either by poison or other violent means.

March 21. 51. Offer of John Westby of Mowbrecke, co. Lancaster, recusant, to pay yearly into the Exchequer the sum of 10*l.* or 20 marks, or more if Her Majesty should think meet, to be discharged of the penalties of the statute of Recusants.

March 21. London. 52. Francoys de Civille to Walsyngham. Thanks for his favor in their cause in Northamptonshire. They had obtained a verdict in virtue of Her Majesty's letters.

March 22. 53. Arthur Gregorye to same. In behalf of certain merchants taken at sea, bound for Saint Juan de Luz, while he was continually employing himself to bring his secret metal to the best perfection.

March 22. London. 54. Dr. Jul. Cæsar to same. Gives his opinion on certain French causes referred to him. Balls of woad given by the Prince of Condé to those who conveyed him to Rochelle. The case of Sir Geo. Carey and the man of St. John de Luz.

March 23. 55. Answer of William Thornburgh to the demand for contribution as a Recusant. Is willing to contribute but denies being a Recusant, as appears by the letters of the Vice-Chamberlain and Sec. Walsyngham to the High Sheriff of Lancashire.

March 24. Salisbury. 56. John Bridges, Dean of Salisbury, to the Council. Desires to be relieved from the payment of 12*l.* 10*s.* charged upon him at Winchester. Is willing to pay the 75*l.* for the three lances, charged upon him for his deanery. Particulars of his income, and the excessive charges to which it is subject.

March 24. London. 57. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor, to same. Stating his reasons for refusing the freedom of the City to William Ellyott.

March 24. London. 58. Same to same. That he had called before him the owners and merchants of the ship "Emanuell," lately taken by the Spaniards,

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but they will contribute but little to the relief of the wives of the mariners, on account of their own great losses. *Incloses,*

58. I. *John Byrd and John Watts to the Lord Mayor. Their own severe losses prevent them from relieving the wives and children of their mariners detained in Spain.*

March 24? 59. Richard Wyseman and John Hawes to the Council. They are unable to relieve the wives of the mariners of the Emanuel, taken in Spain: being rather objects of relief themselves than capable of giving relief to others.

March 25. 60. William Phillipps, Customer of London, to Burghley. In behalf of his son's suit, which is in Burghley's own gift.

March 26. London. 61. Dr. Jul. Cæsar to Walsyngham. Has stayed the master of the ship called the Angel of "Elbowe," in Denmark, spoiled on the seas by Pyper. *Incloses,*

61. I. *Valuation of the goods found in the Danish ship.*

March 27. 62. Petition of Tho. Collen, of Maldon, Essex, to the Council. Solicits as a recompense for the discovery of Mr. Mantell, the traitor, that he may have a licence as a free victualler for 21 years, or a licence to transport 400 tuns of beer, or else to have 40*l.* in money.

March 27. 63. Petition of the Wives of the Mariners taken prisoners in the ships named the "Emanuel and the Jullian," of London, to same; that they may receive some relief, and for order to be taken for the release of their husbands.

March 27. 64. The Justices of Essex to same. Their dealings with the Recusants. State their opinion that the offers of the Recusants, some protested by oath and some uttered with tears, are very reasonable. *Inclosing,*

64. I–IV. *The offers made to Her Majesty by the Recusants of the county of Essex, and signed with their own hands, viz., Roke Grene, Tho. Hale, John Burre, and Thomas Crawley.*

March 28. 65. Declaration by Sir Wm. Wynter what ordnance, as well brass as cast iron, is to be prepared for the furnishing of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces specified.

March 28. 66. William Spyser's request to the Council; for allowance for his attendance at the works at Portsmouth.

March 28. 67. Tho. Frymley's request for payment of his services at Portsmouth.

March 29. 68. Certificate of the petronels furnished by the Justices of Peace and of the Quorum of Somersetshire; mustered before the Lord Lieutenant.

March 29. 69. Copy of the above; nearly duplicate.

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March 29. The Court. 70. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Sir Edw. Dymocke. Notices the factious attempts of the Mayor of Lincoln and others to disfranchise Mr. Robert Rishworth and others, well affected in religion in that city. Desires him to use all his credit and ability to appease those factions, and to see that no wrong be offered to Mr. Rishworth.

March 29. The Court. 71. Same to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Lincoln; desiring them to appease the factions in the city by coming to a good understanding amongst themselves. Their purpose to disgrace Mr. Robert Rishworth and others, by disfranchising them, will not be taken in good part by the Lords of Her Majesty's Council.

March 29. Namur. 72. Anne Lady Hungerford to Walsyngham. Anticipates his surprise at her writing to him. Had only just received the doleful news of the death of her only son, which had been kept from her for more than a year. Prays him to see that the portions allotted to her daughters may be secured to them, to prevent whatever their father may be induced to practise against them. Incloses a letter to the Countess of Pembroke.

March 30. 73. Report made by John Powell, Surveyor of the Ordnance, on the account of brass ordnance made by Wm. Paynter, clerk of the said office, and delivered to the Lord Treasurer.

March. 74. Orders to be observed by the Lords Lieutenants for the musters and view of the trained bands in their counties; establishment of corporals, and every corporal to have a butt erected, 20 foot broad and 16 foot high, for the training and practice of shot; directions for training the soldiers to fire at the target, &c. Instructions for training within the Wardenry of the Stannaries, under Mr. Carew Raleigh.

March. 75. Account rendered by Robert Dow, collector, and John Robynson, comptroller, of goods and merchandise shipped from London, and found not to be entered in the custom books of certain ports.

March. 76. Petition of James Mullybancke to the Council; complaining of the nonpayment of money due to him for supplying the household of Mons. De la Mauvissire, the French Ambassador. Desires that he may be permitted to proceed against Gerauld, late butler to the said ambassador, for the amount due to him.

March. Greenwich. 77. The Council to Lady Gresham; calling her attention to the decayed state of the Royal Exchange, which she was bound to repair. The Queen will take great offence if so beautiful a monument be suffered to go to decay; which they advise her in time to prevent. [*The Council met at Greenwich the whole of the months of February and March* 1585–6.]

March. 78. Petition of Evangelist Constantin to the Council; complaining of loss by the burning and spoiling of his ship the galleon Lombardo by Mr. Roscarrock, and praying redress. [*On the 17th of*

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1586. *April* 1586 *the consideration of the matter between Evangelist Constantin and Mr. Roscarrock for the spoil of the galleon Lombardo, was referred to the Judge of the Admiralty. Co. Reg.*]

March. 79. Petition of Rowland Holfoarde, of Whaplode, co. Lincoln, sometime servant to Robert Pulvertofte, to the Council. Prays for some consideration of the injuries sustained by him in an affray with the servants of Mr. Walpole and by Robert Jackson, by whom himself and his master were violently assaulted. [*On the 27th March* 1586 *John Walpole was dismissed attendance on the Council in this affair. Co. Reg.*]

March ? 80. A note of the provision of money to be made out of hand for the works at Dover Haven.

March ? 81. Thomas Rogers [*alias* Nicholas Berden] to Walsyngham. States the names of parties abroad by whom he was procured to come home, viz., Charles Paget, Charles Arundell, Stephen Brynkley, Godfrey Foulgiam, and Thomas Fytzharberd, to receive and deliver their letters, and to transmit intelligence to them from England. States the purport of the letters in his portmanteau. The designs of Spain. Proposes a system of secret correspondence with the above parties. From Paget he should receive letters from the Lord his brother, Throgmorton, and others; from Arundell, letters of Sir Francis Englefyld; from Brynkley, the whole affairs of Allen and Parsons; from Foulgiam, the affairs of the Queen of Scots, and from Fytzharberd the devices of the Queen Mother. Proposes to keep up an entire correspondence with all the parties, for the avowed purpose of communicating it to Walsynham. Indorsed by Thomas Phillipps, "*From Berden to Mr. Secretary Walsyngham, the accompt of his employment putt uppon him by them beyond the sea.*" [*There can be little doubt this important communication was the basis of the secret intelligence which enabled Walsyngham to counteract the designs of Spain; resulting in the destruction of the Spanish Armada.*]

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April 1. 1. Advertisement from John Spark, of Plymouth. It was reported that Sir Francis Drake had arrived in the Indies, had taken "Numeradedeos," Panama, and Carthagena, with abundance of ships and treasure, and runneth through the country like a conqueror.

April 2. Plymouth. 2. Tho. Ford, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth to the Council. Scarcity of corn in those parts by reason of the untemperateness of the weather. Request permission to sell all grain entering their ports, designed for transportation to other parts.

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April 3. 3. Brief statement of all the charges of the earth and stone works at Portsmouth done since the 27th day of February 1583-4 until the 3d of April 1856, as by the particular monthly books appeareth.

April 5. Peterborough. 4. Richard Howland, Bishop of Peterborough, to the Council. Neither the church nor the diocese are able to contribute the amount as named in the schedule for the furnishing of light horse for Her Majesty's service; but there are others of more ability upon whom the whole amount might be levied. *Incloses,*

4. I. *A schedule of the clergy in the diocese of Peterborough of sufficient ability to be rated for furnishing light horse; stating their names and their respective livings.*

April 6. Bradfield. 5. Ch. Taylour to Mr. Houldesworth, preacher of God's holy word at Newcastle. Satan laboureth by all means to hinder the happy growth of the Gospel. Specifies the substance of the positions advanced by one Mr. Hooker, an Oxford man, in a sermon in the Inner Temple, which were impugned by Mr. Travers, reader of a lecture there.

April 7. Derby. 6. Luke Gilpin, Archdeacon, and others of the Archdeaconry of Derby, to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. Desire further instructions for assessing the clergy of the archdeaconry for furnishing of light horses, and also a copy of Her Majesty's letters and further warrant from his lordship. Suggest the amount required should be abated.

April 8. 7. Robert Martyn to Wm. Carnsewe. Hopes the partners will well consider his services at Perin Sands. Hopes to see him in Wales. Is sorry the want of the 100*l.* from the partners should hinder so good a purpose.

April 9. 8. William Dawx, merchant of London. Advertisements from Spain. Letters from St. Lucar reported the capture of St. Domingo by Sir F. Drake. Many ships preparing at St. Lucar and Lisbon, and all to go in search of Sir Francis.

April 10. 9. Henry Lord Crumwell and others, Justices of Norfolk, to the Council. Have called before them the principal Recusants, and received their several offers or excuses. *Inclosing,*

9. I. *Certificates of the names of such Recusants as be either married wives, or of the meaner sort, whose estates are mean or uncertain. The names of the principal Recusants who have yielded to pay a certain sum yearly to Her Majesty.*

9. II–XXI. *The particular answers of the several Recusants signed with their own hands, viz., Robert Downe, Robt. Lovell, Henry Lovell, John Yaxlee, Ric. Bowne, John Drury, Robert Drurye, Ralph Berney, Ric. Crampton, Humfrey*

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Bedyngfeld, Harry Howlett, Ric. Lussher, Henry Singleton, Lawrence Bedingfeld, Tho. Forster, John Downes Fardynando Paris, Robert de Grey, Henry Bedingfeld, and Henry Kervyll.

9. XXII. *Eliz. Bedingfeld to Lord Crumwell and Mr. Nath. Bacon. Excuses her attendance, but certifies her willingness to pay five marks yearly to Her Majesty.*

April 11. 10. Certificate by Tho. Forward, curate of Alneston, Oxford, of the conformity of Mrs. Gawen, of Northington, and of her receiving the Holy Communion.

April 11. 11. Henry Bossevyle to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the interview with the Countess of Sussex relative to the wardship and livery of the Earl, her son. Threats of the Countess to proceed to the utmost extremity at law, and to cut down 600*l.* worth of the Earl's woods.

April 12. Gloucester. 12. Tho. Throkmorton and Wm. Rede to the Council. In answer to the complaint of Arnold Hoare, cannot find that any arrears are due to him as keeper of Gloucester gaol, as he pretendeth.

April 12. Gloucester. 13. Justices of Gloucestershire to same. Have taken strict order for restraint of the exportation of grain.

April 12. Warwick. 14. Sir Fowlke Grevyle and Sir Tho. Lucy to same. Certify that Francis Smythe, Esq., is not a recusant, as he usually goes to church as a good and dutiful subject.

April 12. Warminster. 15. Sir James Mervin and Wm. Brouncker to same. Have had conference with the recusants of the county of Wilts, and send particulars of their answers. *Inclosing.*

15. I. *The particular answer of the several Recusants, five in number, signed by their own hands.*

15. II. *Henry Mayhewe to Mervin and Brouncker. Offers to pay 5l. yearly, to be free from all actions and claims against him for his recusancy.*

April 13. Winchester. 16. William Marquis of Winchester, William Lord Lawarr, and others, Justices of Hampshire, to same. Their proceedings with the Recusants, and concerning the restraint of the exportation of grain. Many Recusants are imprisoned in the county, and are of little or no ability. *Inclosing,*

16. I.–XIII. *Schedule of the Recusants in the county of Southampton, with the several offers of the parties. The particular answers of the several Recusants, being* 12 *in number, signed with their own hands.*

April 13. 17. Richard May's advertisements from Spain and France. A French fleet preparing at Dieppe. The French King confederated in the Popish league to follow the King of Spain's direction. French

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and Spanish fleet at St. Lucar intended to intercept Sir Fr. Drake. Don Antonio's proceedings are feared almost as much as Drake's.

April 13. Gloucester. 18. Richard Pate to Lord Burleigh. High price of corn in the city of Gloucester. Suggests that order may be taken for ascertaining the quantity of corn in store, and for supplying the markets at reasonable rates for the relief of the poor.

April 14. 19. Justices of Suffolk to the Council. In favor of the suit of the inhabitants of Orford, who suffer greatly in their trade of fishing by the suppression of stall-boats by the Act of Parliament 27 Eliz., cap. 21.

April 14. Dorchester. 20. Justices of Dorsetshire to same. Report their proceedings in the publishing of Her Majesty's offer of lands in the Province of Munster [*see Ireland*, 24 *Feb.* 1586] to such gentlemen of the shire as would accept of the same.

April 14. 21. Private memorandum of business to be transacted. Particulars of Laycolt's lease and Bamfield's lease.

April 14. 22. The Earl of Huntingdon's answer to Lord Montjoy's demands, touching the manor of Bamfield, and the value of Laycolt's lease.

April 14. 23. The Earl of Huntingdon's declaration of the whole matter between him and Lord Montjoy for the purchase of two parts of the manor of Canford, and of the leases of the waste and mines there. Laycolt's lease.

April 15. 24. Ralph Griffith, Dean of Lincoln, to Lord Burleigh. In behalf of Robert Rishworth, one of the aldermen of Lincoln. Has done his best endeavours to preserve peace between both parties. Offence many times is given when a man purposeth not. He accuseth neither party, both being his very good friends; but he wisheth unity.

April 16. 25. Sir Edw. Dymoke to Walsyngham. Has done all in his power, but in vain, to pacify the factions in the city of Lincoln. Mr. Rishworth and his party refuse to be arbitrated. If he had as good a mind to peace, as the Mayor hath a will, his religion would bear much more credit with it.

April 16. 26. Confessions of Joseph Joelhand, deputy-searcher of Hythe, Alex. Nethersell, customer, and others, as to the manner of their imprisonment, as free prisoners, Canterbury Castle not being in a fit state to receive them. [*Much decayed.*]

April 16. Lincoln. 27. Henry Blowe, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Lincoln to Walsyngham. State their proceedings in the matter between the citizens and Mr. Rishworth. Desire that the cause may be referred to the Earl of Rutland and the Lord Chief Justice.

April 18. Buckden. 28. William Wickham, Bishop of Lincoln, to same. Greatly commends Mr. Rishworth, that he advanced the cause of religion and all other good things in the city of Lincoln, and that, if he were not assisted against his enemies, the grief and ill thereof would touch all the well affected there. Latin.

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April 18. Stafford. 29. Justices of Staffordshire to the Council. Have conferred with the Recusants commorant within the county, and transmit their respective offers. Particulars of several who are absent, or do not reside in the county. *Inclosing,*

29. I–X. *The offers of the several Recusants in Staffordshire to contribute a yearly sum to Her Majesty; mostly signed with their own hands.*

April 18. Rheims. 30. Dr. William Gyfforde to Walsyngham. Thanks for his letter granting him permission to return into England. Acknowledges his adherence to the Roman Catholic religion, but assures him of his devotedness to Her Majesty. Has for some time sought to return home, and would join goods, lands, and life for the defence of her sacred person and the weal of his dear country.

April 20. 31. Examination of Robert Rowley, priest, taken upon the seas by Capt. Burrows, going into Scotland, and committed first to the Marshalsea and from thence to Newgate.

April 20. Agmondesham. 32. Justices of Buckinghamshire to the Council. Report their proceedings with the Recusants. Case of Mrs. Avice Lee, who had made submission and reconciliation at the present quarter sessions. *Inclosing,*

32. I. *Schedule of Recusants inclosed in the Council's letter to the Justices of Buckinghamshire, to be treated with for a composition.*

32. II.–XI. *The offers made by the several Recusants to be discharged of the penalties of the statute, ten in number, signed with their own hands; among whom are Thomas Penn and Isabella Hampden.*

32. XII. *Declaration by Mrs. Avice Lee of her willingness to conformity and to repair to divine service, which she would openly acknowledge at the next quarter sessions. Great Missenden, March* 19, 1586.

32. XIII. *Voluntary offer of Tho. Throgmarton to pay yearly to Her Majesty the sum of* 100*l.*, *to be discharged of the penalties of the statute for not coming to Church.*

April 20. Coventry. 33. Wm. Henton, Archdeacon of Coventry, and others to Bishop Overton. Report their proceedings with the clergy, in assessing them for furnishing three lances for service in the Low Countries. One only appeared ready and willing to satisfy his taxation. *Inclosing,*

33. I. *Schedule of the names of the abler sort of the clergy, assessed for the furnishing of three lances, with the several sums to each.*

April 20. 34. Note of money received by Robt. Freke for the furniture of certain light horses; besides the sum of 2,000*l.* paid to Sir Tho. Cecill and Sir Phil. Sydney.

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April 21. Westminster. 35. Grant by the Queen to William Dethick of the office of Garter King-at-arms, in the same manner as held by Sir Gilbert Dethick, late Garter.

April 22. Exeter. 36. John Wolton, Bishop of Exeter, to the Council. Certifies the amount of contribution imposed upon the clergy of his diocese for the setting out of lances. Had assessed others of his clergy, who all had paid except one Mr. Clapham. *Incloses,*

36. I. *The Collection of the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter, and some other of the Clergy within the Diocese of Exeter, whose names were set down in a schedule for the furnishing of a number of lances: stating their names and benefices and the sum assessed upon each. Thomas Clapham will pay* NIL *without further compulsion.*

April 23. 37. Information sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham relative to priests and Recusants. That Peter Wylkox, purveyor of Her Majesty's buttery, was a great dealer with priests and Papists and only obtained the office by the appointment of Tho. Morgan in hopes of being chosen to attend on the Queen of Scots. Receivers and entertainers of priests in London.

April 23. Ipswich. 38. Justices of Suffolk to same. Certify their proceedings with the Recusants, and their offers to be discharged of the penalties of the statute. Francis Mannock has long since conformed. *Inclosing,*

38. I–XVI. *Offers of sundry Recusants of Suffolk, to pay yearly to Her Majesty a certain sum, in discharge of their recusancy, viz., Wm. Yaxlee, Walter Norton, Henry Everard, Ric. Martyn, Edw. Sulyarde, John Bedingfeld, Robert Jetter, Margaret Danyell, John Danyell, Michael Hare, Ambrose Jermyn, Thomas Suliard, and Roger Martyn, Edw. Rookewood, Robert Rokewoode, and Henry Drury.*

April 25. Greenwich. 39. Burgley and Walsyngham to the Bishop of Lincoln, Sir Anthony Thorold, and Mr. Thimblebie, or Mr. Griffin, the Dean. To make a report of the whole circumstances of the factions in Lincoln, so that no indirect or ill course should be taken to disgrace Mr. Robert Rishworth, who in the year of his mayoralty did many good things.

April 26. At the Court. 40. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Mayor of Lincoln and another to Sir Edw. Dymock. Touching the controversy between Mr. Rishworth and others of the city of Lincoln, which the Bishop and others have been authorized to put an end to.

April 27. Sething Lane. 41. Same to Burghley. The Queen desires that Sir Edw. Stafford [at Paris] should be directed to make no disbursement till the parties be entered into action. Her Majesty is resolute to make the Recorder (Fletewood) a Baron of the Exchequer. Her dislike of the Puritans. The dispatches for Scotland are finished but not in such sort as will do good.

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April 27. 42. Justices of Cornwall to the Council. They have no offers from any of the Recusants, but only one Richard Tremayne. They made known throughout the county the plan for repeopling Munster, and find none to undertake the same. Suggest another plan how that object might be better effected. Sir Ric. Greynvile being about to depart to sea, has left his charge of 300 men to Geo. Greynvile. *Inclosing,*

42. I. *The offer of Richard Tremayne, for himself and his mother Marie Isham, of* 10*l. yearly, and to be discharged of a condemnation of* 320*l. against him for recusancy.*

April 27. London. 43. Judge of the Admiralty to Tho. Wylkes, Clerk of the Council. Reporting what had been done in the matter of the ship claimed by Damaskette, an inhabitant of St. Jean de Luz, spoiled by two ships of Sir Geo. Careys. His dealings with the French Ambassador touching the same. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Copy of the Judge of the Admiralty's protest against Stephen Damaskette, relative to the ship of St. Jean de Luz. March* 21, 1585–6. *Latin.*

43. II. *The French Ambassador's answer to the Judge of the Admiralty's protest, in the case of the ship of Stephen Damaskette. Latin.*

43. III. *Proofs by Sir George Carey that the prize taken by his two ships did not appertain to the merchants of St. Jean de Luz.*

43. IV. *Statement by Sir George Carey of the contrarieties found in the confessions of the French concerning the ship of St. Jean de Luz.*

April 27. Bristol. 44. John Hopkyns to Mr. Clethero. News from Lisbon of a great fleet being prepared. Ten sail of large ships seen going towards Madrid.

April 28. Westminster. Letters Patents by the Queen to the Governor and Company of the Merchants Adventurers of England, confirming all their former privileges; and prohibiting interlopers within the limits of the same. [*See Volume I., Jan.* 1661, *pp.* 70–85.]

April 28. 45. Abstract of the material points of the charter granted to the Governor and Company of the Merchants Adventurers of England.

April 30. 46. Examinations of Tho. Bramston, Ralph Crockett, George Potter, and Edw. Jeames, priests. Bramston was brought up in the Grammar School at Canterbury, under old Mr. Twine; the various statements of all parties.

April 30. Gloucester. 47. Justices of Gloucestershire to the Council. Particulars of an assault made by a mob of common people on a bark laden with malt, to be transported into Wales. Endeavours of the magistrates to disperse them. The people declare they are driven to the last extremity by famine, and forced to feed their children with cats, dogs, and roots of nettles.

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April 30. 48. State of the cause between William Lee, Esq., and John Pott, gentleman; arising from a proposition of marriage between Pott and Mr. Lee's sole daughter and heir.

April 30. 49. Offers of William Lee for settlement of all points in controversy between him and John Pott.

April 30. 50. Warrant for the payment of the sum of 10*l.* to Mary Puttenham, out of the sum of 50*l.* due and payable to the use of Richard Puttenham on the 30th of April, at tomb of Jeffery Chaucer in the Church of St. Peter's, Westminster.

April. Lincoln. 51. Sir Edward Dymoke and Robert Carre to same. Certify their proceedings with the Recusants within the county of Lincoln, for composition to be discharged of the penalties of the statute. *Inclosing,*

51. I. *The offer of John Thymelby to pay* 20*l. yearly, to be discharged of the penalties for recusancy.*

April ? Greenwich. 52. Warrant to Lord Chancellor Bromley to issue commissions for the apprehension of pirates, and to repress all dealings with them in any of the havens, creeks, and landing places of the kingdom.

April. 53. Report by William Peterson of Amsterdam, of intelligence from Spain. Great naval preparations at Seville, but difficulty of manning their navy. English merchants delivered from prison upon sureties. Reported arrival of Sir Fr. Drake at Cape de Verd, and that he had taken seven Spanish ships, richly laden with treasure, stone and pearls.

April. 54. Instructions for a private search to be made of all inns, taverns, and victualling houses in London and Westminster, for the arrest of all rogues, vagabonds, and masterless men, and others vehemently suspected of evil life, to be committed to prison without bail or mainprize.

April. 55. Information of the capture of a ship under the command of Edw. Bearnes, servant to the Earl of Leicester, by certain ships of Dunkirk, on the 27th of April, and of other ships taken by the Dunkirkers.

April ? 56. Estimate of the charge for setting forth to the seas four of Her Majesty's ships—the Hope, the Lion, the Non-Perely, and the Revenge, for three months.

April. 57. "A note of divers priests and papistes." James Tobyn, Irishman, was the man that delivered the balls of wild fire to William Tompson. Walter Ingeam, Beake, Anthony Pigge, and Robt. Atkinson are all determined to come into England between Whitsuntide and Midsummer. Messengers between the Jesuits in England and France. Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Standishe, Mr. Meryman, and others haunt in Sussex in the old Papists' houses there.

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1586. April ? 58. Certificate signed by Tomas Bickley, Bishop of Chichester, of the clergy in his diocese who refuse to contribute towards the furnishing of lances for Her Majesty's service in the Low Countries.

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1586. May 2. 1. George Carlton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Justifies his conduct in answer to the charges of the Lord Mountjoy, with relation to the manors of Canford and Pudletown. Embarrassed estate of Mountjoy.

May 2. 2. Sir James Whytney and John Garnons, justices of Herefordshire, to the Council. Report their proceedings with the Recusants for composition for their recusancy. Anth. Elton, Richard Bridges, and John Gage are reconciled in open sessions. Others have made offers, and some have not answered at all. *Inclosing,*

2 I–VIII. *Offers of several Recusants, eight in number, of the county of Hereford, to pay a composition yearly to the Queen, in discharge of their recusancy.*

May 3. 3. Brief declaration of the account of Francis Cotton, paymaster of the works at Portsmouth, for two years and 37 days, ending Apr. 3, 1586.

May 3. 4. Advertisements of preparations in Spain. Number and force of ships fitting out by King Philip, with a design to intercept Sir F. Drake. Advice to fit out a fleet of men-of-war and merchant men to aid Drake.

May 5. London. 5. Justices of Essex to the Council. Certify their proceedings for a due supply of grain at the several markets. *Inclosing,*

5. I. *Schedule of the divisions of the county of Essex into hundreds, with the names of the justices and market towns in each hundred.*

May 5. 6. "A note of such gentlemen's names as undertake the counties of Connoll and Kerry in one consort, and what number of acres they desire to occupy," forming one company headed by Sir Wm. Courtney, under Henry Ughtred, for the plantation of Munster.

May 5. Corsecourt. 7. Tho. Throkmorton, one of the justices of Gloucestershire, to Walsyngham. Information of a new outbreak of the men of Gloucester, in robbing vessels laden with corn and malt on the river Severn.

May 6. 8. The report of Edward Baeshe, Esq., general surveyor of sea victuals wherein he hath served this 40 years. Touching the victual-

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ing and general state of Her Majesty's navy. Remembrances to be presently considered. General dearth of all victuals and a murrain among the cattle.

May 7. 9. The Queen to Sir Geo. Bromley, authorizing him to take upon himself the government of the Marches of Wales, upon the death of Sir Henry Sydney, until there be choice made of a new Lord President.

May 8. Greenwich. 10. The Council to Lord Burghley. Directions to permit Peter Frere and Bernard Lewis, merchants in Lisbon, freely to trade into England, with any kind of ship, English or foreign, in consideration of the good services done by them in protecting English subjects and merchants in Lisbon.

[May 11.] 11. The reply of William Jewett and Thomas Procter to the answer of the Earl of Cumberland to the points of his award, in the case of Procter, Jewett, and Ralph Green against one John Hamerton and John Procter. [*The Lords made an order in this case, dated* 11 *May*, 1586. *Co. Reg.*]

May 12. Chester. 12. Bishop Chaderton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has endeavoured to promote the contribution among the clergy of Chester, for the furnishing of light horses. The difficulties he had to encounter. Various reasons alleged by the clergy for avoiding a contribution. Many of the best rectories are appropriated, and have no other incumbents than very beggarly vicars and curates. *Incloses,*

12. I. *Certificate of the clergy of Chester holding pluralities and non-resident in the diocese: and of others who are as yet chargeable with their first fruits.*

May 12. Chillingham. 13. Tho. Gray to same. Announces his intended marriage which Lady Katharine Neville, one of the daughters of the late Earl of Westmoreland. Desires his favor and furtherance in that matter.

May 12. 14. Secret advertisements to same. John Hanmer, of Hanmer, in the county of Flint, a papist and evil disposed person, carrieth a bad mind towards Walsyngham. Thomas Hanmer, his son, married to a daughter of Mr. Talbot, of Grafton.

May 12. Sunburne. 15. Henry Gyfforde to the Council. Disturbances at Rumsey on account of the planting of woad by Robert Cooper, whom he had committed to prison. The market was well supplied with corn at a reduced price.

May 13. The Court. 16. Lord Burghley to all Officers in the ports. Orders to permit Peter Frere and Bernard Lewis to continue their trade to and from England, of certain articles of commerce enumerated, notwithstanding the restraint of intercourse between Her Majesty's subjects and those of the King of Spain.

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May 13. Leicester. 17. Justices of Leicestershire to the Council. Certify the offers of several Recusants to be discharged of the penalties of the statute. *Inclosing,*

17. I. *Jane Bowes to the Justices. Hopes that in consideration of the services of her late husband, Tho. Bowes, and being 300l. in debt, she may be excused from any contribution for her recusancy. Humberston, April* 11.

17. II. *Eliz. Beaumont to same. States her inability to offer any sum on account of her recusancy. Gracedieu, April* 6.

17. III. *Offer of Walter Whythall to pay the sum of 5l. yearly for his recusancy.*

May 13. 18. Plan of an encampment. Indorsed, "*A device for the strengthning of an army in campe.*"

May 14. 19. William Massinger, jun., of Gloucester, to Walsyngham. Reports the misdemeanor and seditious speeches of the curate of Salle (or Saul), co. Gloucester.

May 14. 20. Henry Willughby and William Lambarde to same. Report their proceedings in the cause of controversy between Mr. Duke Brooke and Mr. Sprinte.

May 15. Lincoln's Inn. 21. Richard Kingesmyll to same. Requests that John Beconsawe, now in the White Lion for recusancy, may be permitted to repair to the baths for recovery of his health.

May 15. 22. B[erden?] to same (?) Secret advertisements relative to Dr. Allen's dealings with the Duke de Guise, the Earl of Arundell, and others. Purport of Allen's last going to Rome. Attempts of the French Ambassador to convey letters to the Queen of Scots.

May 15. 23. Abstract of a letter of intelligence, reporting the spoil of Nomera de Deos, and capture of 20 sail of Spanish ships, richly laden, by Sir Fr. Drake, and that he had captured 250 brass pieces, and burnt all the ships and galleys. It will be such a cooling to King Philip as never had happened to him since he was King.

May 15. 24. French and Spanish advertisements. The Bank of Seville is broke, and that of Venice like to follow. English goods prohibited in Spain. An armada of 800 ships said to be preparing for England. Substance of the preceding letter received by Alderman Bond. Report throughout Spain that every gentleman is building a ship or two to go after Sir Fr. Drake. Fear of the Spaniards for their Indies.

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May 15. Caresbrook Castle. 25. Sir George Carey to the Council. Relative to the ship claimed by the French Ambassador as belonging to the merchants of St. Jean de Luz, owned by Stephen Damaskette. *Incloses,*

25. I. *Proofs and presumptions that the ship now pretended to appertain to St. Jean de Luz was Spanish and not French.*

25. II. *Contrarieties, slanders, and untruths, contained in the several depositions of the French, pretended to have been taken at Bayon.*

May 16. 26. Advertisements reporting the success of Sir Fr. Drake, and the taking of St. Domingo. French.

May 16. 27. Substance of the above in English.

May 16. 28. Memorial touching the dealings of the Earl of Arundell and his departure into France. Dr. Allen inward with the Duke of Guise.

May 17. Barnes. 29. J. Hewit to Daniel Rogers. Has demanded certain writings relative to their affair. Finds his master very untractable, and a man, to speak unto, nothing affable.

May [17.] 30. Points wherein the Bishop of Norwich is to certify in a writ brought in a cause of dower, whether Edmond Bedingfield deceased and Anne Paston were coupled in *legitimo matrimonio.* [*On the 17th of May,* 1586, *the Council wrote to Bishop Scambler to proceed impartially between the parties in this cause. Co. Reg.*]

May 17. Rooche Court. 31. Francis Cotton to Burghley. Desires new instructions as to payment of the workmen engaged on the fortifications at Portsmouth.

May 19? 32. A note of all the earthworks to be done at Portsmouth this year 1586, about the town and citadel there; with the demands of Capt. Pers for executing the same.

May 19. 33. Mr. Pers's estimate of the charge for certain earthworks of fortifications to be done at Portsmouth.

May 19. Lewes. 34. Justices of Sussex to the Council. Certify what order they have taken for the better supply of the markets in various towns with corn; wheat 4*s.* and barley 2*s.* the bushel.

May 21. Lincoln. 35. Justices of Lincolnshire to same. Their directions for furnishing the markets with corn, have been executed in every market town. Excessive prices of shoes and boots, which pincheth the whole country, but chiefly the poorer sort. *Inclosing,*

35. I., II. *The names of the Commissioners and Justices appointed to take special charge for the furnishing of the several markets with grain, in Lincolnshire. Two lists.*

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May 21. Middle Temple. 36. George Snygge, counsellor at law, to Burghley. Recommends William Lavington for the Comptrollership of Bristol, in place of Miles Jackson.

May 22. 37. Justices of Surrey to the Council. Certify the course they have taken for furnishing the markets with corn. They have never received any commission for the restraint of grain. *Inclosing,*

37. 1. *Certificate of the names of the Justices appointed to take special charge for furnishing the market towns in Surrey with corn.*

May 24. 38. Statement of the grievances of the Eastland Merchants. English merchants being harder used than those of any other Princes.

May 24. Lichfield Close. 39. Geo. Boleyn, Dean, and the Chapter of Lichfield, to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. Their reasons why they did not provide the sum of 50*l.* towards the service in the Low Countries. Suggest that Dr. Beacon and other canons and prebendaries should be charged.

May 25. Deptford. 40. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Charge of furnishing a galley and two new barks sent to the seas. Their request for deferring the payment of the 1,000*l.* expended for cordage. *Incloses,*

40. 1. *Estimate of the charge of setting to the seas the Bonavolia, the Makeshift, and the Spye for three months, and the Bull and Signette for two.*

May 24. Tower Hill. 41. Sir Wm. Wynter, John Hawkyns, and others, officers of the Admiralty, to same. For respite of the payment of the 1,000*l.* spent for cordage, until the warrant for the surplusage may be procured.

May 26. 42. Extract of a letter sent by Nicholas Clevar to Nicholas Turner, merchant. State of affairs in France, famine, &c. Success of Sir Fr. Drake at St. Domingo, where he had taken five great galleons. The fleet sent out against him returned to port much damaged by a storm. Particulars of the surprise and capture of St. Domingo.

May 26. 43. Orders and resolutions of Lewis Dyve, Robt. Bevill, John Dorrington and Anthony Cage, taken at the town of Eaton, co. Bedford, touching the obstruction of the River Ouse near St. Neot's, by four mills newly-erected by John Webstere in the parish of Barkford; and by other ancient mills in the occupation of Rafe Place.

May 27. 44. Richard Hurleston and Michael Hickes to Walsyngham. Reporting their further proceedings in the cause in controversy between Mr. Duke Brooke and Mr. Sprinte. They have failed to

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bring either party to an agreement. Pray Walsyngham to endeavour to effect a sound and Christian reconciliation between them.

May 28. Hampton Court. 45. Tho. Conyngesby to the Council. His dealings with the Recusants of Middlesex to be freed from the penalties of the statute. Sends certificate of their offers.

May 29. Norwich. 46. Edmund Scambler, Bishop of Norwich, to Walsyngham: Gives particulars of the contributions levied upon the clergy in his diocese, for the furnishing of lances. Is grieved to think that he should have been so hardly censured only through the bare suggestions of some that wish him ill. *Incloses,*

46. I. *A true certificate of the several names and sums of all those of the clergy of Norfolk, assessed for furnishing lances and light horses.*

May 31. Northampton. 47. Justices of Northamptonshire to the Council. Their proceedings with the Recusants; the greater part of whom had neglected to attend to their commands. *Inclosing,*

47. I. *Offer of Tho. Lawe, recusant, to pay the sum of* 20 *marks yearly for discharge of his recusancy. May* 5.

47. II. *Edw. Roydon to Sir Edw. Mountagu. Offers to pay what may be thought fit for his recusancy. His poor estate, having nothing to live by, but the hard and casual gains of his practice in physic. May* 12.

May 31. 48. Certificate of such Recusants as now remain in the county of Surrey, with their several livings, and every of their offers as they are content to pay, as composition for their recusancy; subscribed with their own hands: and attested by the Justices of Surrey.

May 31. Aylesbury. 49. Justices of Peace for Berkshire to the Council. Report their proceedings for regulating the supplies of grain at the several market towns in their county. *Inclosing,*

49. I. *Certificate of the hundreds allotted to the several Justices, for regulating the supply of corn and grain.*

May 31. Sudeley Castle. 50. Justices of Gloucestershire to same. Send certificate of the order taken by them for the furnishing of the markets with grain. Have licensed a certain number of common badgers, who are profitable members of the commonwealth. They had proceeded to the indictment of the persons engaged in the late riotous assemblies. *Inclosing,*

50. I. *Certificate of the divisions allotted to the several Justices, for regulating the supply of grain.*

May 31. Exeter. 51. John Bishop of Exeter and the Justices of Devonshire to same. Have taken order for the furnishing of the markets with grain.

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May. 52. Note of the total number of volunteers levied in the several counties, for the service in the Low Countries since the beginning of April last; with the names of such captains as have levied the same.

May. 53. Note of the profits growing to Her Majesty by the coinage of single and double rose nobles, from the 1st of August 1585 to the last of April 1586.

May. 54. Collection of all the certificates of the offers of Recusants to be discharged of the penalties of the statute for recusancy; showing the names of the Recusants, the sums offered by them, and amount of difference from the original assessment.

May. 55. Abstract of the above.

May. 56. Account of the several sums levied and contributed by the Clergy within the Diocese of Lincoln towards the furnishing of lances for the Queen's service in the Low Countries: and a note of the persons upon whom no sums can be levied. Signed by the Bishop of Lincoln.

May? 57. Lord Eure to Burghley. Requests certain additions to be inserted into his commission of lieutenancy for Wales. Proposes four deputy lieutenants to be appointed in each of the Welch counties. and in the English five or six.

May? 58. Petition of the Bakers of Greenwich to Lord Cobham. For warrant to bring certain corn purchased by them at Gravesend, and for licence to provide grain at the several markets of Kent, on account of the great demand occasioned by the visitors at Her Majesty's Court at Greenwich.

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June 2. Rooche Court. 1. Francis Cotton to Burghley. Certifies the payments made to the labourers and masons engaged on the works at Portsmouth from April 3 to May 29.

June 2. 2. Certificate of the Dutch strangers and aliens inhabiting within the town of Colchester, in number 1293, taken the 2nd day of June.

June 4. 3. Certificate by Edmund Hall and others of the armour and weapons within the wapentakes of Aveland, Beltisloe, Nesse, Winebriggs, and Threo with the town of Stamford in Kesteven division, co. Lincoln.

June 4. Hereford. 4. Wm. Rudhale and John Garnons to the Council. Certify the offers of the Recusants within the county of Hereford to be discharged of the penalties of the statute. *Inclosing,*

4. I–XII. *The offers of the several Recusants, 12 in number, in Herefordshire; signed with their own hands.*

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June 4. Barnchus. 5. Walsyngham to Burghley. Is sorry the Queen has taken so hard a resolution with regard to the treaty with Scotland. Regrets the surrender of Venlo in the Low Countries. Lord Grey had waited upon Her Majesty to declare his inability. Had prepared a letter to the Prince of Parma.

June 5. Wells. 6. Thomas Godwin, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to the Council. Certifies the amount of contributions levied upon the clergy of his diocese for furnishing of lances; with the names of the incumbents contributing.

June 6. Gray's Inn. 7. Alexander Fissher to Walsyngham. His opinion in the suit of the Lady Gilberte. Advises some special man of trust to be appointed, with power to sell some of the leases in Wales, so as the produce may not be wasted by her now husband.

June 7. Barn Elms. 8. Walsyngham to Burghley. Had left yesterday certain papers concerning the taking of the Treasurer's account, and now sends other papers.

June 7. Uske. 9. Justices of Monmouthshire to the Council. Their proceedings for the better furnishing of the markets with corn. The markets have been reasonably well furnished hitherto with corn and grain but the quantity in store is not sufficient to last till harvest.

June 8. 10. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Her Majesty had come to his chamber, he being unwell, and had spoken to him about the treasure expended on the wars in the Low Countries. His opinion touching the mode of proceeding in the treaty with Scotland. Suggests the Earl of Rutland should see the state of the Castle of Ettell, which had formerly been his grandfather's.

June 9. Worcester. 11. Justices of Worcestershire to the Council. Certify the offers of the Recusants to be discharged of the penalties of the statute. Geo. Wyntour, Reynold Williams, and Tho. Wrenford had long ago, in very obedient sort, submitted themselves. *Inclosing,*

11. I. *Certificate of the sums offered by various Recusants of Worcestershire.*

11. II.–XVII. *The particular offers of the several Recusants, signed with their own hands, being* 17 *in number.*

June 10. Fleet Prison. 12. Tho. Drury to Burghley. Deplores his imprisonment, and hopes to receive from him some sweet comfort unto his sour pangs. Slanderous reports of him because he had given information of Mr. Jones's lewd speeches against the Lord Chancellor, which had been retailed by Mr. Anthony Bowrne.

June 11. The Temple. 13. Att. General John Popham to Walsyngham. Sends a note of the prisoners now in the Tower, and in the Marshalsea. Suggests that most part of them should be sent to the sheriffs, to be tried under the statute. *Incloses,*

13. I. *Certificate of seminary Priests and Recusants remaining in the Marshalsea, with the dates of their committal.*

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June 11. Nottingham. 14. Justices of Nottinghamshire to the Council. Certify the order they have taken for the furnishing of the markets with grain. Wheat is 26*s.* 8*d.* the quarter, rye, 24*s.*, and barley, 16*s.*; which reasonable prices had been greatly furthered by the charitable care of the Earl of Rutland. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Certificate of the divisions of the county allotted to the several Justices for supplying the markets with grain.*

June 11. 15. Richard Topclyffe to Walsyngham. Information of the arrival of a priest out of Picardy, who reports to the ill-affected that there will soon be an invasion of foreigners upon the coasts of Devonshire and Cornwall. His true name is Woollock: description of his personal appearance.

June 11. Torrington. 16. William Earl of Bath to the Council. Reports his proceedings in the examination of witnesses in the suit between William Roache, Tho. Roscarrocke, and John Pettie, on the one part, and Evangelista Constantine, in the name of Theodora Lombardo, on the other part, touching the spoil of a ship of Venice called the Gallion Lombardo.

June 11. Leicester. 17. Justices of Leicestershire to same. Signifying the order they have taken for the furnishing of the markets with grain. The prices continue without increase. *Inclosing,*

17. *Certificate of the divisions allotted to the several Justices, throughout the county.*

June 12. Baconsthorp. 18. Sir William Heydon to Walsyngham. Small attendance of the magistrates; only eight met to take order for supplying the markets in Norfolk with grain.

June 12. Ely. 19. Justices of the Isle of Ely to the Council. Particulars of the order they had taken for supplying the markets in the Isle of Ely with grain. Wheat is 2*s.* 8*d.* the bushel, barley 1*s.* 10*d.*, and rye 2*s.* 4*d.*

June 12. Chester. 20. Bishop Chaderton to same. Has transmitted to Mr. Robert Freake the contribution of the clergy within the diocese of Chester for the furnishing of lances. Many of the ministers are sore charged with wife and children, and are very poor.

June [12] Greenwich. 21. The Council to the Commissioners for relief of poor prisoners, to compound with the creditors of Edmund Bell, son and heir of Sir Robt. Bell, now a prisoner in the Fleet for great sums of money upon return of voyages from beyond seas, and losses by being trained into play by some of his now creditors.

June 12. 22. The certificate of the Priests and Recusants in the Marshalsea; with names of the parties by whom they had been examined and committed.

June 12. 23. Another list of Priests and Recusants in the Marshalsea, with the dates of their commitment.

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June 12. King's Bench. 24. Certificate of the Priests and Recusants remaining in the prison of the King's Bench.

June 12. 25. Certificate of the seminary Priests and Recusants at this present time remaining prisoners in the Gatehouse at Westminster.

June 12. 26. Certificate by John Sheppard, keeper of the Clink, of all the seminary Priests and Recusants remaining in his custody.

June 13. 27. Edward Gateward, keeper of the Surrey gaol, called the White Lion, at Newington, to same. Certificate of the names of the Priests and Recusants committed to his keeping.

June 13. 28. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Desires to know what answer is to be made as to the money to be delivered by Palavicino's last letters. Her Majesty doubteth whether he may pay her money to Duke Casimer. Her Majesty seemeth to have luck by Walsyngham's absence.

June 13. 29. Certificate by William Deyos of the seminary Priests and other Recusants remaining in prison at Newgate; with the dates of their commitment.

June 13. London. 30. Tho. Phellippes to Walsyngham, a person will wait upon him with supplications for Carleton and Shelley. Petition of Mr. Gray of Wisbeach, on behalf of some of the priests. Desires his favor in the case of Dr. Bavand.

June 14. The Court. 31. The Earl of Warwick to Rowland Watson. Directing him to draw up two commissions for William Reynolds, Her Majesty's fletcher, the same as heretofore to John Smithe, John Starkey or any others.

June 14. 32. Robert Gyttyns, keeper of the Compter in the Poultry, to Walsyngham. That Raphe Emerson was the only recusant remaining in his custody.

June 14. 33. Certificate of the Priests and Recusants committed to the Compter in Wood Street, and still remaining in custody.

June 15. 34. Memoranda in Lord Burghley's hand, of the number of volunteers lately levied. Money delivered out of the Exchequer upon letters from the Earl of Leicester.

June 15. 35. The names of such captains as have levied voluntary men here within the realm, in what counties, and what numbers.

June 16. 36. Winifred Dowager Marchioness of Winchester to Burghley. Being visited with sickness she has made her will, and left her daughter and son-in-law her sole executors. Beseeches Burghley to be the Overseer of her will and the protector of her executors. Postscript by Anne Lady Dacre, dated June 21, signifying that her mother, in her extreme sickness, had died before she could sign the above letter. Sends the token her mother had bequeathed to him and implores his protection.

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June 16. At his house near the Savoy. 37. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has heard, by his son, Sir Thos. Cecill, that the Queen wishes to see him to morrow. Desires to know if he shall attend at Court in the morning or evening, according to the tide. Wishes his body were of iron or steel, for, with flesh and blood, he cannot long endure.

June 16. 38. Petition of the Merchants of nine of the Western Ports to Lord Burghley, offering to make restitution of any French goods taken by them, for the release of their ships and goods detained in France by reason of the taking of Duke Mercurye's ship, laden with wines, by the bark Burr of London.

June 17. 39. Lawrence Tomson to Walsyngham. Contempts offered by Mr. Cotes, the comptroller at Chester, against the orders of the Lord Treasurer. Suggests that Walsyngham should offer the Lord Treasurer 1,000*l.* yearly for those offices. Has prohibited the exportation of grain from Lynn.

June 17. 40. Report by William Johnson, servant to Marmaduke Middleton, Bishop of St. David's, of certain speeches uttered by the Bishop in contempt of the Queen's Majesty, threatening to go back again to Ireland. Also in contempt of the Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Leicester, and Sir Fr. Walsyngham.

June 18. 41. Examination of certain witnesses taken before Sir Arthur Heveningham, Sir Edw. Clere, and others, against Giles Fenne, of Strimshaw, in the county of Norfolk. His arbitrary conduct in multiplying suits against the poor inhabitants.

June 18. 42. Abstract of the certificates of the Priests and Recusants remaining in the several prisons about London; with the dates of their commitment, and marks to distinguish those meet for the gallows or the gallies, or to be banished.

June 18. Gray's Inn. 43. Rauff Barton, the Queen's Attorney of the County Palatine of Lancaster, to Lord Burghley. Certifies the names of Recusants prosecuted to conviction by Robert Worsley, keeper of the prison of Salford, with the amount of fines levied on them.

June 18. 44. The names of the Priests and Recusants confined in the prison at Wisbeach.

June 19. Bommellswarde. 45. Robert Earl of Essex to Walsyngham. His absence takes away all means of helping his followers. Desires his favor in behalf of Walter Vaughan, who is now in trouble, and who has been an affectionate follower of him and his house.

June 20. 46. Objections against the Government of the Council in the Marches of Wales; with proposed measures for removing the same.

June 21. 47. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Promises to send the articles relating to the settlement of Munster. Desires to know if he has had any opportunity to speak with Her Majesty in favor of the Earl of Oxford. Mr. Huddleston's return from the Low

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Countries. Desires him to favor the suit of his brother-in-law, William Coke, who wishes his son to be joined with him in the office of Clerk of the Liveries.

June 23. 48. The new decrees of the Star Chamber for the better regulation of the art of printing in London, Oxford, and Cambridge, and to prevent the abuses of contentious and disorderly persons professing the art or mystery of printing.

June 23. 49. Copy of the above.

June 23. 50. Confession of Edward Jones before the Earl of Sussex, giving information against certain Priests and Recusants; he having been in the service of young Mr. Tichborne as his foot boy, and in other catholic families. Mass performed daily at Mapledurham in the house of Mrs. Shelley.

June 25. Portsmouth. 51. Maliverey Catilyn to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements touching Papists. Wishes he had been sent to the Marshalsea, where he could have insinuated himself among the prisoners there. He had discovered Edward Jones, a recusant, to the Earl of Sussex.

June 25. 52, 53. Estimate of the charge for four ships to be sent to the seas in warlike manner for two months. [*In duplicate.*]

June 26. 54.* Mr. Henry Towneshend's request, for augmentation of his fees for his service at Chester in the office of Justiceship, in which he has served for 18 years. The services of his ancestors from the time of King Edward the IVth.

June 27. The Fleet. 55. John Calton, warden of the Fleet, to Walsyngham. Certifying the Priests and Recusants remaining in his custody.

June 28. 56. The examination of Thomas De Belewe, buff leather dresser, and depositions of the witnesses as to vile and slanderous speeches uttered by him against the Queen's Majesty.

June 29. Salop. 57. The Sheriff and Justices of Shropshire to the Council. Certify what order they had taken for supplying the markets with corn. *Inclosing,*

57. I. *Certificate of the divisions of the county allotted to the several Justices, for regulating the supply of grain.*

June 30. 58. Ro. Lord Rich and others, Justices of Essex, to Sir F. Walsyngham. Certify the misdemeanors of Edward Wells, Richard Woodhouse, and John Cannowdon, in the town of Maldon.

June 30. 59. Statement of the misdemeanors of Richard Woodhouse, Edw. Wells, and John Cannowdon, remaining on record before Her Majesty's bailiffs of the borough of Maldon, in Essex.

June. Greenwich. 60. The Council to the Company of the Eastland Merchants. To grant permission to certain merchants of Bristol to trade into the East parts with two or three ships, and to return with grain only.

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1586. June? 61. Petition of Robert Worsley, Esq., to the Council. Desires to be discharged of the keeping of the Recusants at Manchester, or else to have a lease thereof for certain years from Her Majesty.

June? 62. Information against Priests and Recusants; probably by Nich. Burden *alias* Rogers, with directions for various persons, probably spies. Indorsed by Phelippes, "*Catelins observations touching corrupt subjects.*"

June? 63. George Edrych, physician, to Dr. Bernard, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. Certifies his knowledge of Roger Weeks, whom he had formerly employed as his assistant, but had dismissed him for disorderly conduct. [*Dr. Bernard was Vice-Chancellor in the year* 1586.]

June? 64. Note of the Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants in various shires, under commissions of the 27th and 28th of Elizabeth.

June? 65. Petition of the Eastland Merchants to the Council. Praying them to be a means to Her Majesty to urge the King of Denmark concerning their great losses, and also for the better safety of their goods against the strict laws of that country.

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1586. July 1. Worcester. 1. Henry Tounesend to Lord Burghley. The Council of Wales were agreeable to remove their sittings from Worcester to Bewdley, where all things had been made ready for their reception.

July 1. 2. Roger Bodenham, Sheriff, and the Justices of Herefordshire to the Council. Their proceedings for supplying the markets with grain. The prices are very high. *Inclosing,*

2. 1. *Certificate of the divisions of the shire allotted to the several Justices, for regulating the supply of grain.*

July 1. Maldon. 3. Edward Garington to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Information of the misdemeanors of Edw. Wells, Ric. Woodhouse, and John Cannowdon, since the time of their imprisonment. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *Depositions of the witnesses against John Cannowdon, of Maldon, Essex. July* 2.

July 3. Greenwich. 4. Lord Burleigh to same. Her Majesty dislikes the proceedings in the treaty with Scotland, and would needs have a good round letter written to the Commissioners. She also desires all letters to be sent to her during Walsyngham's absence. She is displeased that Lord Gray had not been instructed to prepare for Holland. The King of France complains of injuries done to his subjects by the Earl of Leicester.

July 6. 5. A memorial of public matters to be resolved on:—Musters, military preparations, Recusants, search of suspected houses, &c.

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July 6. 6. Justices of Bedfordshire to the Council. Certify their proceedings for supplying the markets with grain. Divisions of the county allotted to each magistrate.

July 7. London. 7. Dr. Hammond to Walsyngham. Gives his opinion on the taking of a Danish vessel by Diggory Piper under colour of letters of reprisal against Spain. By the civil law the capture of the ship was plain piracy, notwithstanding the letters of reprisal. *Incloses,*

7. I. *Examinations of Richard Hodges and Diggory Piper, as to taking a Danish hulk and sale of the goods. Particulars of other prizes taken by them.*

July 8. New Sarum. 8. Justices of Wiltshire to the Council. Have assembled and taken order for the better supply of the markets with corn. *Inclosing,*

8. I. *A certificate of the divisions of the county allotted to the Justices for supply of the several market towns.*

July 8. 9. Remembrances for the supply and defence of Portsmouth, and the sea coasts of Hampshire.

July 9. 10. Note of resolutions taken upon the public memorial. Defence of the realm. Alterations in various commissions of lieutenancy; musters. 2,000 shot to be trained within London.

July 9. 11. Sheriff and Justices of Carmarthenshire to the Council. Their endeavours to procure the markets to be supplied with grain, could take no effect. The prices continue to be very excessive and high.

July 11. Attlebrigge. 12. Justices of Norfolk to same. Certify their further proceedings for supply of the markets in Norfolk. *Inclosing,*

12. I. *Certificate of the whole sum and quantity of corn and grain remaining within the hundreds of Shropham, Gyltcross, Southgreenhoo, Wayland and Grimshowe.*

12. II. *Particular certificate of the amount of grain and corn in the hundred of Shropham, with the names of the persons holding the same.*

12. III–VI. *Similar certificates for the hundreds of Gyltcross Southgreenhoo, Wayland, and Grimshowe.* [*Four papers.*]

12. VII. *Particular certificate of the quantities of grain brought to Watton market, and by whom, in the hundred of Wayland.*

July 11. The Court. 13. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Desires him to send Mr. Wylkes to the Court, he having been appointed to go into the Low Countries.

July 11. Buckden. 14. The Justices of Huntingdonshire, viz., William Bishop of Lincoln, Sir Henry Cromwell, Oliver Cromwell, and Francis Crom-

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well, to the Council. Certify the order they had taken for supplying the markets with grain. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Certificate of the divisions of the shire allotted to the several Justices.*

July 11. Islington. 15. Thomas Egerton, Solicitor-General, to Walsyngham. Sends further articles for the examination of the conspirators concerned in the plot for firing the beacons in the county of Southampton, together with their former examinations. Sends also the project of a proclamation against conveying English practisers in this realm from beyond seas. *Incloses,*

15. I–XIV. *Examinations of Richard Noyse, Charles Roberts, Zachary Mansell, Robert Elkins, Will. Stephens, and several others, upon a charge of conspiracy to fire the beacons in the county of Southampton, upon a report of the appearance of the Spanish fleet, and in the tumult to rob provisions for the populace.*

15. XV. *Abstract of the examinations of the several persons concerned in the conspiracy for firing the beacons.*

July 14. 16. Copy of the agreement between Tho. Gurling and Anthony Atkinson at Hull, in the suit touching the impost of French and Gascon wines, with the petition of Mr. Atkinson to Sir Fr. Walsyngham.

July 14. 17. State of the county of Brecknock, in Wales, with regard to neglect of religious services. The livings are nearly all impropriate with no preachers but ignorant and unlearned ministers. Seldom or never is there evening prayer. The temporal government is drawn into most dangerous factions.

July 14. Manchester. 18. Ric. Assheton, Sheriff, and the Justices of Lancashire to the Council. Certify the supply of grain at the several markets, where, thanks be to God, they have found no scarcity or want of corn.

July 18. Richmond. 19. The Council to Mr. Customer Smythe and other Officers of the Port of London. For restoration of a ship and goods belonging to Phillip Bishop, merchant of Holland; with extracts from the treaties regulating the trade with Holland.

July 19. London. 20. William Danyell and Tho. Owen to Walsyngham. Report their proceeding in the examination of the conspirators concerned in the plot for firing the beacons. Return of interrogatories and examinations. Reasons for examining Ric. Passenger. *Inclosing,*

20. I. *General articles for examination of the conspirators in the plot for firing the beacons in the county of Southampton.*

20. II. *Particular articles to be ministered to Zachary Mansell touching the firing of the beacons.*

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20. III. *Answers of Z. Mansell to the general and particular articles as to firing the beacons; also the examination of Richard Passenger.*

20. IV. *Particular articles to be ministered to Henry Lockyer as to firing the beacons.*

20. V. *Answers of Henry Lockyer to the general and particular articles for firing the beacons.*

20. VI. *Particular articles to be ministered to Richard Noyse, as to firing the beacons.*

20. VII. *Answers of Richard Noyse to the general and particular articles for firing the beacons.*

20. VIII. *Substance of the design of the conspirators for firing the beacons in the county of Southampton. To redress the present dearth of corn; to rob the gentlemen's houses, particularly the houses of Sir Ric. Norton; to prevent the sowing of woad; and to liberate the Recusants at Winchester.*

20. IX. *List of the names of the conspirators accused by Zachary Mansell, who were appointed to fire the beacons, with the course taken with them; most of them sent to gaol, and some brought to London.*

July 20. Exeter. 21. Nicholas Martyn, Mayor of Exeter, to the Council. Transmits the complaint of Richard Sweete, Nicholas Skynner, and Walter Rewe, against Duke Mereurye, Governor of Brittany, for stay of their goods at Morlaix.

July 20. 22. "Catalogue of such men in England as the papistical fugi- "tives make accompt to be assured, if any foreign power should "come to invade this realm," viz., 6 peers, 7 knights, 42 esquires and gentlemen; besides yeomen, farmers, and priests at liberty.

July 21. 23. [ ]to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Intended treaty between the French King and the King of Navarre. Priests and Jesuits at Henley Park. Offers his services to go over into France with Francis Hildesley, to make inquiries relative to the Papists. Has had occasion to write to Gratley, *alias* Brydges.

July 22. Westminster. 24. Robert Petre to Lord Burghley. Account of money granted for the Low Countries. Money paid to Mr. Hawkyns and Mr. Baeshe for the Navy.

July 22. Rooche Court. 25. Francis Cotton to same. Has been obliged to advance money for the works at Portsmouth. Account of the money already received. Progress of the works.

July 23. 26. Extract of a letter written to Dr. Allen. State of the Catholic cause in England; directs certain reforms and regulations; many places are as yet unfurnished of priests. The tops have been left, and only the lower boughs have been dealt with.

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July 24. 27. John Foxley to Mr. Wylsdon [Walsyngham?]. A letter of secret intelligence, partly in cypher. B. looketh every day to have letters. P. shall be purpurated. Advises that no cruelty should be used towards the Catholics.

July 24. London. 28. Edward Baeshe to Walsyngham. That he was unable to accomplish the terms of the agreement with Her Majesty for the victualling of the navy. Desires to be discharged from his hard bargain. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Declaration by Edw. Baeshe, surveyor-general of the provisions for the Navy, to the Lord High Admiral, stating his course of proceedings in Her Majesty's service. Has served Her Majesty's father, her brother, her sister, and herself, in the said office, for* 40 *years past.*

28. II. *Brief of the agreement between Her Majesty and Edw. Baeshe, for the victualling of the navy; with a copy of the warrant to the Exchequer, dated July* 15, 1573, *to make certain allowances on account of the great advance in the prices of victuals.*

July 25. 29. Extract of a letter written by F. Robert to the Principal of the Society of Jesuits. His proceedings on arriving in England; which greatly encouraged the Catholic cause. In some shires there is not one priest, though desired of many. Offer to the Earl of Arundell, that if he would carry the sword before the Queen on her going to church, he should be set at liberty.

July 27. Theobalds. 30. Lord Burghley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Letters received from the Earl of Leicester, and his son Thomas Cecill. Ill success of affairs in the Low Countries. Regrets the loss of Nuce. Is in earnest expectation to hear of Sir Francis Drake.

July 28. Plymouth. 31. Tho. Peyton to Lord Burghley. Complains that his servant, Robert Wyet, had been imprisoned by Rich. Glanville, bailiff of Tavistock, for seizing certain prunes and currants at Foy.

July 28. Survey of the lands and possessions belonging to Edward Earl of Bedford, in the counties of Buckingham and Hertford, containing the names and tenures of the tenants of the manors of Moore. Chesham-Woborne, and Wydmer. [*Case G., Eliz., No.* 1.]

July 28. Survey of the lands and possessions belonging to Edward Earl of Bedford, in the county of Devon, containing the names and tenures of the tenants of the manors of Worrington and Plymstock. "Every "tenant of the manor of Plymstock dying possessed of any of the "customary lands of the manor, having a wife at the time of his "death, such wife by the custom is to enjoy all the lands whereof "her husband died seized, during her life, if she so long shall live "sole and chaste." [*Case G., Eliz., No.* 2.]

July 31. Survey of the lands and possessions belonging to Edward Earl of Bedford, in the parish of Agmondesham, in the counties of Buckingham and Hertford taken before Charles Morysin, Griffin

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1586. Hampden, Richard Tredway, Thomas Saunders, and Hugh Vaughan, in virtue of a commission dated the 31st of July 1586. [*Case G., Eliz., No.* 3.]

July 31? Book of the leases and copies by which the tenants of the manors of Tavistocke, Hardwicke, Milton Abbott, *alias* Milton Russell, and other possessions belonging to the most noble Edward Earl of Bedford, do claim to hold their lands, and the names of those to whom Her Majesty hath leased the said inheritance of Edward Earl of Bedford during his nonage. Particulars of the mansion-house of Tavistock, which is great, and somewhat ruinous for want of reparations. [*Case G., Eliz., No.* 4.]

July 31? 32. Note of the lease of the Manor of Toppesham, Devonshire, granted to Francis late Earl of Bedford, with the exceptions and covenants contained in the same.

July 31? 33. Petition of Arthur Browne to Lord Burghley. Prays that he may be continued as tenant of certain lands in Melcheborne, parcel of the inheritance of Edward Earl of Bedford.

July 31. 34. Note of all such goods, debts, and money, as by the King of Spain's order was discovered by Antonio de Guevarra in Seville and other places in the province of Andaluzia appertaining unto Englishmen, with the valuation of all other merchandise embargoed at the same time.

July. 35. Secret advertisements. Landing of two Jesuits, Southwell and Allen, on the coast of Norfolk. Design to incercept and kill Sir Francis Drake at sea, or to carry him to Dunkirk. The Papists take great comfort at the discontent of the mariners. [*Southwell landed in England, July* 1586.]

July. 36. ♀ to Walsyngham. Secret advices. It is the desire of the Catholic party for him to go beyond seas to confer with those abroad. By so doing he should gain a more complete knowledge of their designs. Vows to God to declare all to Walsyngham. Requests money to be delivered to Hugh Offley, his uncle.

July. 37. Names of the Prisoners committed to the prisons about London for matters of religion; with the sentences to be passed against them; some thought meet to be banished, some meet for the gallows, several poor fools but very knaves.

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July? 38. Note of the value of the plate and bullion, pearls, ordnance, ships, hides, and iron and lead, brought home by Sir Francis Drake.

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Aug. 1. 1. Estimate of the rates of the stonework for the citadel at Portsmouth, of sundry prices.

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Aug. 2. 2–5. Estimate of the charge for the wall and citadel at Portsmouth. [*Four papers.*]

Aug. 3, 6, 7. Remembrance of all the ordnance in Portsmouth, with other necessaries for fire works, and for the armory. [*Two copies.*]

Aug. 3. 8. Particulars of two privy seals for payment of debts, &c., in Ireland: and four for the liveries and embroidering the dresses of the Guards and Household servants.

Aug. 4. Westminster. 9. Robert Petre to Lord Burghley. Mr. Stonley being unable to make up his accounts by 16,000*l.*, he has been forced to lay the burthen on the other three Tellers. Note of money remaining in the treasury.

Aug. 4. 10. Note of the ordnance remaining in Portsmouth. One a saker of brass, called a Buckingham saker, very old.

Aug. 4. 11. The information of Philip Curtis against Alan Chapman, of aiding and assisting the Queen's enemies, Jesuits, priests, and Recusants; with the examination and confession of the said Alan; taken before Robert Taillor and Robert Milsent, justices of Cambridgeshire.

Aug. 4. 12. Information by the same, against Margaret Pomell, wife of Robert Pomell, of Horsheath, co. Cambridge; with the examination and answer of the said Margaret.

Aug. 4. Survey of the lands and possessions belonging to Edward Earl of Bedford, in the county of Devon, containing the names and tenures of tenants of the manors of Blackawton, Christenstow, Cowyck, and Cliste Suchville. [*Case G., Eliz., No.* 5.]

Aug. 6. London. 13. Dr. Jul. Cæsar and others, to the Council. Their report on the suit between Wm. Michelott, of St. Maloes, Rondall Hankyn, of London, and Wm. Courtney, of Dover, touching the ships named the Bear and the Katharine, taken by the French.

Aug. 7? 14. Memorial, in Walsyngham's hand, for this day's proceedings: to examine Ballard, Dr. Good's wife, and Aldworth's wife.

Aug. 7. 15. Mrs. Good's answer to the articles of examination touching her knowledge of H. Donne and who brought to her house one Fortescue [*alias* Ballard], the priest.

Aug. 7. 16. The examination taken before Wm. Willis, Mayor of Dover, of sundry witnesses, relative to speeches of Charles Sanders and Alice Judith, his daughter-in-law, touching the Spaniards and Turks, and the King of Scots' right of succession to the English throne. Sanders' abuse of preaching ministers.

Aug. [8?] 17. Names of such persons as are touched and made parties in the Babington conspiracy; Ballard, G. Gifford, H. Donne, and others arrested; to be arrested, Babington, Ric. Gifford, Gilbert

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Gifford, Tho. Barnes, and others. [*Note: many papers relating to Babington's conspiracy will be found in the papers of Mary Queen of Scots, Vol.* xix.]

Aug. 9. 18. Examination of Swythen Wells, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, as to his knowledge of Mr. Babington.

Aug. 9. 19. Confession of Andrew Malorye. That Andrew Pascale had been staying at his house, but that no suspected or evil persons had been entertained by him.

Aug. 9? 20. Secret advertisements sent to Walsyngham. The writer gives information as to Lister, Potter, who is most resolute in wickedness, and Barnewell. Babington is now in Derbyshire. Has written a discourse of further causes. His liberty about a week hence will do good.

Aug. 10. 21. The effect of the examination of Christopher Dunne, of Adington, Kent, concerning his son Henry Dunne. Denies any knowledge of Babington.

Aug. 10. 22. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Reports the stupidity of the watchmen on the road to London, appointed to apprehend three young men concerned in Babington's plot. Being asked how they should know them, answered, "by intelligence of their favor;" and being asked what that meant, "Marry," said they, "one hath a hooked nose." Negligence of the Justices in appointing such silly men.

Aug. 11. 23. Sir Harry Asheley to same. Inability of the county of Dorset and town of Poole to provide the proportion of powder and match assigned to them. Desires that the adjoining towns and boroughs may be included in the rate.

Aug. 11. 24. The examination of John Walker, taken before Sir Thos. Scott and others, of his knowledge of Mr. Siston.

Aug. 11. 25. Note of the disorders committed by Tho. Weseden of Petworth, Sussex; in withstanding Her Majesty's commission granted to Peter Pett, the Queen's shipwright, for the taking of timber for Dover Harbour.

Aug. 12. Windsor Castle. 26, 27. Warrant to the Exchequer to make monthly payments to Francis Cotton for the Citadel and other works at Portsmouth, amounting in the whole to 1,700*l.* [*Duplicate.*]

Aug. 12. 28. Examinations of certain Irishmen taken before James Carter, Mayor of St. Alban's, and Robert Spencer, touching Mr. Garrett Fitz-Garrett, a relation of the Earl of Kildare, living in Cock Lane in London. Intention of the parties to escape over to Ireland.

Aug. 12. 29. Lord of Dunsaney to . Touching particulars of the design of certain Irish rebels to go towards Wales, or to escape at St. Bartholomew's Fair. The warrant for the Lord of Kildare to receive 300*l.* is left in the hands of John Barnewall of Gray's Inn.

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Aug. 12. 30. Examination before Edward Ryche of Harry Browne, laborer. His travel from London with one Wm. Wake, and their arrest by the privy watch at Hornden-on-the-Hill, in Essex.

Aug. 12. 31. The examination of William Wake, scholar, taken by the same, touching his knowledge of Roger Higgyns, James Medcalfe, and Mr. Jennyns.

Aug. 12? 32. Examination of Wm. Wake as to his object in keeping his papers with figures or cyphers. Chiefly to give himself some consequence in the eyes of common people.

Aug. 13. 33. Confession and deposition of Chidiocke Tychebourne of Longwood. His journey into Hampshire to pay 25*l.* for furnishing a light horse. His return to London. Pleads for commiseration and pity.

Aug. 13. 34. Examination of Tho. Hewes, servant of Mr. Chid. Tychebourne. Acquaintance of his master with Anthony Babington. They met most commonly at Ordinary tables or taverns.

Aug. 13. 35. Note of the privy search made in High Holborn-without-the-Bars by N. Cole, messenger of the chamber, and Roger Turtle, constable of High Holborn, for popish relics and suspected persons. Search in one Felton's house, where they found three Irishmen all in one bed. In Mr. Waferer's house they found three sprigs of palm with crosses bound on them.

Aug. 13. 36. The examination of William Lingyn, a papist, taken by the Constable of Shoreditch on his way towards Cambridge. Says he knows Latin, but very little as it appeareth. He will not go to church, nor take his oath for any thing.

Aug. 13. Knowseley. 37. Earl of Derby to the Council. Certifies his doings in compliance with their lordships' instructions for the arming and training of soldiers within his lieutenancy. Chester is already furnished, but Liverpool is very poor and unable to bear the charge.

Aug. 13. Middle Temple. 38. John Amyas, solicitor in the Marches of Wales, to Walsyngham; requesting an increase for one person in the allowance for diet. Unthankful nature of his office. Ill disposition of Mr. Sherer towards him. Requests his favor to bestow Mr. Gellibrand in the preacher's place, with Lord Pembroke the Lord President. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Comparison of the disadvantages between the Queen's solicitor for the Marches in Wales, and other officers of that Court.*

38. II. *Copy of the Council's order, for the fees of the solicitor in the Court of the Marches of Wales. Dec.* 8, 1582.

Aug. 14. 39. Examination of Richard Mascall, servant to Mrs. Bellamy. Had been directed to guide Donne and others through the woods. Arrest of Donne and Gage.

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Aug. 14. 40. Examination of Richard Smithe, of Uxondon, and others, servants to Mrs. Bellamye, widow. Their knowledge of Swithen Wells and others who were entertained in his mistress's house.

Aug. 14. 41. Examination of John Charnocke of Wellingborough, Northampton. His arrest on his way to London, returning from Wellingborough.

Aug. 17. 42. Examination of George Throkemorton, son of Sir John Throkemorton, of Worcestershire. Geo. Gifford had informed him of one Mr. Offeild, who could make the philosopher's stone, called the Great Elixir. His knowledge of Babington.

Aug. 17. 43. The Sheriffs and Justices of Denbigh to Wm. Glaseor of Chester. Informing him of the arrest and examination of Lewis ap Richard, servant of Mr. Thomas Salisbury, and desire further directions. *Inclosing,*

43. I. *Examinations of Lewis ap Richard, John Lloyd, and Wm. Johnes, servants of Mr. Salisbury of Lleweny, co. Denbigh. Acquaintance of Salisbury with Babington, Donne, and others. Salisbury and Babington were bedfellows together in London for a quarter of a year or more.*

43. II. *Examinations of William Traverse and Jerome Payne. Traverse, in company with Mr. Salisbury and others; never knew Babington, Mr. Gage, or others till the preceding Saturday. Payne had attended his master, Thos. Salisbury, to London, with John Traverse, Wm. Traverse, and Mr. Ashton. Change of all their names. Has often seen Babington in company with his master.*

Aug. 17. 44. Note of men levied in certain counties for service in Ireland in December 1584, and to the 17th August 1586.

Aug. 19. Stowmarket. 45. The Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Their proceeding in the matters of their lieutenancy. Request to know if they shall send up the muster-roll of the trained bands before the numbers of the dead and wanting are supplied.

Aug. 20. Sarum. 46. John Piers, Bishop of Salisbury, and Gyles Estcourte to the same. Search in the houses of suspected persons and Recusants. Arrest of John Hamblye, *alias* Tregwethan, a seminary priest. He was convicted as a seminary priest at last Somerset assizes, but brake and escaped. *Inclosing,*

46. I. *The confession of John Hamblye, alias Tregwethan of St. Mabyn, Cornwall, priest. His education and conversion to popery; form of his reconcilement to Rome. Names of various priests in England. Celebration of mass in a court near Gray's Inn.*

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Aug. 21. 47. The names of certain Recusants' houses to be searched, principally in and about the neighbourhood of London. To have Babington's picture.

Aug. 21. 48 Copy of the above.

Aug. 21. 49. Names of the prisoners committed to the Fleet from Aug. 12 to Aug. 21, 1585, viz., John Barnewell, Mrs. Katherine Bellamye, Richard Abington, John Mayne, and William Kirkham.

Aug 24. 50. Information of Sybill Horte and John Toye against Symon Yomans, of Gloucestshire, on account of a prophecy uttered by him of Her Majesty's death, and that this was the last year of her reign.

Aug. 24. 51. The examination of Symon Yomans, late of Little Dean, co. Gloucester, touching the prophecies of Her Majesty's death.

Aug. 24. Chilton. 52. John Croke, one of the Justices of Buckinghamshire, to the Council. Had received information from Hugh Davies, of Oxford, relative to the horrible and detestable conspiracy of Gifford, Barbington, and others. *Incloses,*

52. 1. *The examination and confession of Hugh Davies, late of Borstall, minister, charging George Brome, Esq., son of Sir Chr. Brome, with being a favorer of Papists. Efforts of Geo. Brome, Robert Atkins, and Henry Ferris to convert Davies to popery.*

Aug. 26. 53. Confession of Roger Yardley on his return from Rome. Information of certain ships from Naples sent to join the Spanish navy intended for England.

Aug. 26. Chilton. 54. John Croke to the Council. Reports his proceeding in searching the houses of Geo. Brome and Robt. Atkins. Found only some corrupt and superstitious books, and one Agnus Dei. Sends a catalogue of the books.

Aug. 30. The Bath. 55. Wm. Davison to Walsyngham. His gratitude to the Queen for her intention to use his poor service in court. Doubts his ability to undertake the office of Secretary, in preference to others a thousand times more worthy than himself. Intends to stay some days for the recovery of his health.

Aug. 30. Kingston-upon-Hull. 56. Wm. Wilson, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Hull to the Council. Transportation of the soldiers, appointed to be embarked there, for Her Majesty's service beyond seas, under Capt Yorke and Capt. Vavasour. Particulars of money expended.

Aug. 30. 57. Lucas' (?) discourse of the dealings of Papists in Durham and Lancashire. Sundry persons in the Bishoprick strongly affected towards the Earl Westmoreland; their names. Intimation of a general massacre. Revelations by Marwood, Anth. Babington's man, while possessed with the devil, who being demanded what had become of Zwinglius, Jerome of Prague, Luther, and Calvin, answered

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with a full voice that they were all damned; and as to Campion, Sherwyn, Throgmorton, and others, answered ragingly and repiningly that they were saints in heaven.

Aug. 30. / Sept. 9. Paris. 58 "YOU KNOW MY NAME" to . Urges him to free himself from his heretical bands, to enter the Catholic church, and to go over to the writer's brother, and exhort him to deliver over and betray to the Duke of Parma, such holds as are under his charge.

Aug. 31. 59. Examination of Christopher Smyrtfeild and Edmond Harries. Report that three towns had been burnt by the enemy in Sussex. Seditious speeches uttered by Michael Trekell.

Aug. 31. 60. Examination of Patrick Harowaye, of Edinburgh, touching his intention of going into France. Had lodged in Bishopsgate Street, near to the house of the French Ambasador.

Aug. 31. Cowdray. 61. Ja. Colbrond to Lord Buckhurst. Has had a conference with Mr. Codwell respecting the tenement called Dimmockes and land held by lease from the Prior of Lewes. *Incloses,*

61. I. *Conveyance by James Colbrond to Thos. Lord Buckhurst, of certain lands and a tenement called Dimmockes, in the parish of Southover, co. Sussex. Aug.* 25 1586.

Aug. 62. Resolutions taken for the defence of the realm, upon the report of the landing of the French in Sussex. Things to be put in execution. Things already executed. Safeguard of Portsmouth. The Queen of Scots to be presently removed. Forces to be sent into Sussex. Ships in readiness.

Aug. 63. H to Walsyngham. Secret letter. He had been sent for by Justice Yonge. Plot by the prisoners in the Marshalsea to beat one Edge the porter. Has been accused of not attending church since his release. Desires his advice and direction.

Aug. 64. Same to same. Search made by order of Justice Yonge in Clerkenwell; he has also made inquiry for a gold hat band of Babington's. Report that a general massacre will take place as soon as the Queen of Scots is in the Tower.

Aug. 65. The names of the principal persons who began the assault and fray upon Lord Norris and his men at Oxford on the 25th of July, at the assizes then and there holden.

Aug. 66. Articles for Interrogatories (in Phelipps's hand) to be ministered to Ballard and Digby, touching the plot between the French Ambassador, Dr. Gifford, and Dr. Allen for killing the Queen and the Earl of Leicester.

Aug.? 67. The good orders settled in the city of Lincoln in the mayoralty of Mr. Rishworth, but which have been neglected and infringed by Mr. Scolfielde, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Yates, and others, whereupon the controversy has arisen between the Mayor and Aldermen of Lincoln.

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1586. Aug. 68. Petition of Robert Rishworth to Sir F. Walsyngham, desiring a letter to the Bishop of Lincoln or other the Commissioners, "to certify what they have done in his case upon the letters lately written to them by the Council."

Aug. 69. Robert Rishworth's answer to the articles exhibited to the Mayor of Lincoln, against him, by certain the Commissioners there, at the procurement of the Mayor himself.

Aug. 70. Note of the demands of Mr. Mason, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Winterborne, Mr. Rishworth, and others, citizens of Lincoln; with the particular objections of the other party against each of them. [*On the 10th of Sept. the Council ordered the Mayor and Corporation not to proceed to the election of new aldermen in the room of Dobson and Lathrope, until the Bishop of Lincoln had proceeded to the settlement of all their controversies. Co. Reg.*]

Aug. ? Poultry Counter. 71. Thos. Tyndale to Anthonie Babington. God has this day laid his heavy hand upon him, in that being attacked he had slain a man in self defence and was now a prisoner. Hopes to regain his liberty, but requests his assistance.

[1586.] [Aug. ?] 72. Examination of Lache Sutewell, of Edmonton, touching Richard Pooley, suspected to be a seminary priest, who was harboured in the house of John Cornewall of Edmonton, and sheltered from arrest by Jasper Leeke, a justice of peace: together with an account of the order of an irreverent and blasphemous celebration of a mock communion service by Joseph Leeke in a barn at Winchmore Hill in Edmonton on the marriage of a poor couple, and instead of a psalm they sang "a vile prophane song called 'the Dogges of "Tottenham.'" Complaint by Roger Greene the vicar, and persecution of him by Joseph Leeke, the justice of peace. Bad character of Joseph Leeke "who hath begotten two base children upon two "poore maydens, to the great charge of the parishioners."

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1586. Sept. 1. Dorchester. 1. Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Dorsetshire to the Council. That they had viewed all the ports and landing places within the shire and find that Portland Road is unprotected and well suited for the landing of an enemy. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis are also much exposed.

Sept. 1. Southwark. 2. Justices of Surrey to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Report the apprehension and examination of Mr. Poundes of Southampton, and

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one Mr. Trekell for certain undutiful speeches uttered by them against Her Majesty and the realm. *Inclosing,*

2. I. *Stephen* [ ] *to Mr. Poundes. Rejoices to hear of his release from the Tower, whence rather was expected his martyrdom than his enlargement. Sends him for a new year's gift "an oulde booke of Contemplative Centi- "loquies, in which are comprysed a sweete delectable "himme made of the Cross, with a dolefull songe of the "nitingall touchinge Christes passion."*

Sept. 1. 3. Report by the Marquis of Winchester and Earl of Sussex on training the forces and state of the defences of the county of Southampton, watching the beacons, guarding the coasts, &c., according to the letters of the Council of the 2nd of August.

Sept. 2. Holdenby. 4. Sir Chr. Hatton to Lord Burghley. Hopes it is possible that with the eye of Her Majesty's wisdom "these most horrible and dangerous practices" (Babington's conspiracy) may be thoroughly looked into. Is now lying at home sick of a fever, with stitches, spitting of blood, and other bad accidents.

Sept. 2. 5. Estimate of the charges for the continuance at sea of seven of Her Majesty's ships, charges for victuals and rigging, and also for guarding the Navy Royal at Sheerness.

Sept. 2. 6. Examination and confession of Henry Staunford, fourth son of Sir William Staunford, one of the judges of the court of Common Pleas. Had been a tutor to Lord Pagett's son. His journey to London and back to Portsmouth.

Sept. 2. 7, 8. Two examinations of the same Henry Staunford.

Sept. 3. 9. Examination of John Newnham, of the Isle of Wight, touching the reason of his coming into Kent. His opinion in matters of religion. His knowledge of Mr. Samuel Loane, of Sevenoaks. Denies having made a catalogue of the names of all the Papists in England; but had given to Mr. Roper of Eltham a catalogue of all the Universities of Christendom.

Sept. 3. Colchester. 10. Lord D'Arcie and Edmund Pirton to the Council. Scarcity of grain at Colchester, and the price likely to increase in Essex. Desire to receive a new commission to restrain the exportation of grain.

Sept. 3. Chilton. 11. John Croke to same. Further information given by Hugh Davies of Oxford, minister, who with George Brome and Robert Atkins are appointed to appear before the Council. Desires that order may be taken to protect Mr. Davies against whom threats of violence had been uttered. *Incloses,*

11. I. *Addition and further confession of Hugh Davies, of Oxford, minister. Efforts of Brome and Atkins to pervert him to popery.*

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Sept. 3. Borestall. 12. Sir Christopher Brome to Walsyngham. Search made by Mr. Croke in the house of his own son-in-law, John Dinham. Desires that the charges against his son George Brome may be speedily heard.

Sept. 4. 13. Names of Jesuits and Seminary Priests in several shires, with their places of resort. Indorsed by Burghley, "*Extract out of Ant. Tyrrell's last book.*"

Sept. 5. Chester. 14. Edmund Gamull, Mayor of Chester, to Walsyngham. Has received intelligence from Sir Richard Bulkeley of two pirates named Wyse and Beare in Pullhely Road, who intended to lie off Holyhead to intercept all ships trading from those parts into Ireland. Two gentlemen named Wiseman stayed, making a pilgrimage to Holywell, "for ease of some infirmity."

Sept. 5. 15. Thomas Abington to Walsyngham (?) States the various places of abode of himself and his brother since his departure from Hucknell on the 10th of August. [*On the 3rd of Sept. a letter of thanks was addressed to Sir Tho. Lucy for sending up the two Abingtons. Co. Reg.*]

Sept. 6. Knowseley. 16. Earl of Derby to the Council. Gives information of two pirates named Wyse and Beare lying off the coast of Wales to intercept ships trading from Chester and Liverpool towards Ireland.

Sept. 6. Bradfield. 17. Justices of Berkshire to Walsyngham. Information given by Roger Plumpton against Francis Parkyns, Esq., and his servants. Refusal of Ric. Higgs, a recusant, to bring his child to be baptized. *Inclosing,*

17. I. *Information given by Roger Plumpton against Francis Parkyns of ill words spoken by him at the rejoicings for discovery of the late treasons, harbouring Papists and seminary priests, wearing relics, &c.*

Sept. 6. 18. Extract out of the examination of Hugh Davies against Robert Atkins. Persuasions for Davies to turn Catholic. Atkins would think it a happy turn to be hanged in such a cause, as he would then become a martyr. His resolution to show Davies a book called "Leicester's Commonwealth."

Sept. 6. 19. Extract out of the examination of Hugh Davies against George Brome. Efforts to induce Davies to forsake his ministry.

Sept. 7. 20. Muster-roll for the Division of Holland in the county of Lincoln, containing the names of all the soldiers appointed to serve, with their several sorts of weapons, and the names of those that are charged to furnish the said soldiers.

Sept. 7. 21. Π to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Had by chance met with one whom he was amazed to see upon the sudden, viz., Tho. Browne, who desired to speak with Anthony Forteskew for delivery of some matter from Jefferey Poole. Hopes by these means to discover James Hyll and other matters of importance. Arrest of Mrs. Whyte. Greene the Jesuit.

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Sept. 7. Poole. 22. Christopher Farewell, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Poole, to the Council; desiring that no other burden, part of the strength of their town may be withdrawn from them, it being a place of importance in times of danger.

Sept. 9. Portsmouth. 23. Earl of Sussex to the Council. News of the arrival of the Spanish fleet in France. The Marquis of Winchester and himself had taken order to put the forces of the country in readiness against foreign invasion. Has provided a small bark to give daily intelligence from the sea. Absence of Capt. Pers, the engineer, from the works.

Sept. 9. 24. Examination of Nicholas Smithe, *alias* Phelps, a popish priest. Has been in Sussex and at Gatton in Surrey, and supported there by Lady Coply. Was at Edw. Gage's house last night.

Sept. 9. 25. Examination of Margaret Coply. Particulars as to Nicholas Phelps, *alias* Smith, a priest, who was taken in her mother's house; he being her kinsman.

Sept. 9. 26. Estimate of the charge for setting to the seas seven of Her Majesty's ships and two pinnaces, in warlike manner, under the command of Sir William Wynter.

Sept. 9. 27. Information of the town of Plymouth against certain merchants, forestallers of pilchards, by storing them in cellars built in the cliffs. [*On the 9th September*, 1586, *the Council wrote to Sir John Gilberte and others to take orders for settlement of this complaint. Co. Reg.*]

Sept. 9. Windsor. 28. Burghley to Walsyngham. Long discussion with the Queeen touching the bringing of the Queen of Scots to some apt place where her cause and herself might be heard. Many places named but none agreed on. The Parliament will be dissolved and a new one speedily called. Proceedings in executing the Queen's intention to have all counties committed to Lieutenants, and a guard for her protection. Feels hurt Her Majesty refused to intrust Essex and Hertford to him. Should have been more grieved if he had been in a similar manner rejected for Northamptonshire, his native county, and where he was "no new planted or "new feathered gentleman."

Sept. 10. Windsor Castle. 29. Privy Seal, for payment of the charges of nine ships to be sent to the seas under the command of Sir Wm. Wynter.

Sept. 11. Dantzic. 30. Latin letter and verses from James Gruter to Daniel Rogers: much mutilated.

Sept. 12. Horses Melcomb. 31 The Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset to the Council. They have investigated the charges brought by the inhabitants of Weymouth against the merchants of Melcombe for transportation of grain, and found them untrue, except in one instance by Ric. Allen, who being chased by pilots had gone to Cherbourg and sold his cargo there.

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Sept. 12. 32. Survey of the Manor of Hough-upon-the-Hill, co. Lincoln, parcel of the possessions of Edward Earl of Bedford, Her Majesty's ward.

Sept. 13. 33. Bond of Tho. Symondes and Henry White for the appearance of John Barnewall of Grey's Inn, before the Council upon lawful warning.

Sept. 14. London. 34. Tho. Baughe to Secretary William Davison. Congratulates him on his appointment of Secretary. Desires a continuance of his favor and to enter his service, in order to support himself at the University.

Sept. 14. 35. Report of the victuals provided by Edward Baeshe for 1,180 men for two months, and for the furniture of the seven ships and two pinnaces, under the command of Sir W. Wynter. Mr. Baeshe's request.

Sept. 14. 36. Relation of the conduct of Henry Blowe (called *Blaire*), Mayor of Lincoln, at the election of a new Mayor, for that city. Violence of Wm. Milner, the sheriff, against Mr. Chr. Lathorpe and Mr. Rishworth. Mr. Skolfeyld, by violence, elected mayor.

Sept. 14. Westminster. 37. Commission to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and others, to dissolve Parliament.

Sept. 15. Windsor. 38. Proclamation for the dissolution of the present Parliament, and for the speedy calling of another.

Sept. 15. 39. Stephen Thimilbye, Recorder of Lincoln, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Proceedings on the election of a new mayor for Lincoln. His reasons for opposing the election of Mr. Lathorpe. Mr. Skolfeyld elected.

Sept. [15.] 40. Articles in favor of Rishworth, Lathorpe, and others, in answer to Mr. Thimilbye's letter relating to the election of the new mayor of Lincoln.

Sept. 15. Lincoln. 41. Henry Blowe, Mayor, Wm. Skolfeyld, Tho. Dawson, and William Yates, Alderman of Lincoln, to the Council. Proceedings at the election of a new mayor and justifying the displacing of Aldermen Dobson and Lathorpe.

Sept. 15. London. 42. Sir Wm. Wynter and Wm. Holstock to the same. Progress in discharging the mariners and gunners and making stay of the provision of victuals for furnishing the ships intended to be sent to the sea under Wynter's command.

Sept. 16. Dorchester. 43. The Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Dorset to the Council. They have viewed the ports and havens within the shire and found that Portland Road and the port of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis are entirely unprotected and exposed to the landing of the enemy.

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Sept. 15. 44. The names of the Councillors established for the Marches of Wales, by Her Majesty's instructions, dated Sept. 15, 1586: Henry Earl of Pembroke, Lord President.

Sept. 15. Bradfield. 45. Thomas Parry, Humfry Foster, and Reade Stafford, Justices of Berkshire, to the Council. Have searched the house of Francis Parkins at Uston, but found nothing contrary to the statutes; they have examined his servants touching the resort of seminary priests to Uston, and Mr. Parkins has given bond for his appearance. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Examination of Ric. Higges, a recusant, of Ashampsted, co. Berks. Confesses to the christening of his newly-born child by a mass priest, whose name he knoweth not.*

Sept. 15. 46. Certificate by Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor of the particular offences of the traitors concerned in Babington's conspiracy, condemned the 13th, 14th, and 15th of Sept. 1586, viz., Edward Abington, Charles Tylney, Edward Johnes, John Travys, John Charnock, Robert Gage, and Jerome Bellamye.

Sept. 18. 47. Alphabetical list of the names of the Jesuits, Priests, and Recusants in England.

Sept. 15? 48. Anonymous to Mr. Gage. Has heard by his virtuous and loving nephew John Gage, how much he is daunted and dismayed by the present troubles of his happy brother (Robert Gage?). Religious exhortations.

Sept. 16. 49. Note of the charges for the grounding, ransacking, dubbing and caulking of sundry ships and pinnaces appointed to the seas under the command of Sir FrancisDrake and Sir Wm. Wynter.

Sept. 18. Baggrave. 50. Thomas Cave to the Council. Has, with the assistance of Mr. Geo. Villers, apprehended John Palmer, of Kegworth, and sent him up under the charge of his brother Anthony Cave. He was arrested at Loughborough at Sir George Hasting's house.

Sept. 18. Buckden. 51. Bishop Wickham to Francis Mylles. The Council's letters had not the desired effect, in settling the controversies in the city of Lincoln. The man now chosen to be mayor is one of the corruptest in all the town of his religion.

Sept. 19. 52. II to Walsyngham. Secret intelligence. Has had conference with Jennings, of Portsmouth. Mr. Bruyn, of Dorset, and Mr. Kyrkham, of Devon are persons to be suspected because they had married Tychbourn's sisters. Message from Jeffery Poole. Urges Walsyngham, for God's sake, for England's sake, for his own sake, to be cautious, and not with overmuch boldness to hazard an universal loss. Robert Poole, *alias* Polley, is suspected by the Papists to have betrayed Babington and his accomplices.

Sept. 18. Trebona. Commission from Mr. Edw. Garland to Thomas Simkinson to go to Brunswick or Cassell to Dr. John Dee and to inform him that

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the Emperor of Russia, having certain knowledge of his great learning and wisdom, was desirous he should take up his abode in that Court [*See Dom.* 1586, *Vol.* 196, *fol.* 143.]

Sept. 19. 53. Anthonie Babington to the Queen. Implores her pity and forgiveness, on behalf of his poor wife, his innocent children, and his guiltless family.

Sept. 20. 54. Alphabets or cyphers between the Queen of Scots and divers persons. Cypher with Anthonie Babington, acknowledged by him as being the one by which only he had written to Queen Mary: attested by Sir Francis Knollys, Sir Owen Hopton, the Attorney and Solicitor General, and many others.

Sept. 22. 55. Orders for the better state and strengthening of the Isle of Wight, made and agreed upon by Sir Geo. Carey, Kt., captain of the said isle, Thomas West the elder, Thomas Worsley, and others, by virtue of Her Majesty's commission to them in that behalf directed.

Sept. 23. 56. Sir Wolstan Dixie, Lord Mayor, to Walsyngham. Has examined Richard Berefilde touching his knowledge of William Warren, suspected in religion. *Incloses,*

56. I. *The examination of Richard Berefilde. Knows Mr. Warren very well, who went to church both to service and sermons, while he lived in his house. He went to Oxford on hearing speeches that London should be burnt.*

Sept. 23. Colchester. 57. Sir John Smythe to Lord Burghley. Offers to accompany him on his mission to the north, either armed or disarmed, or to attend upon Her Majesty at Court.

Sept. 23. The Court at Windsor. 58. Tho. Wylkes to Edw. Norreys, Esq. On his return found that endeavours had been used to disgrace my Lord President (Lord Norreys) and himself, but in a conversation with Her Majesty all evil conceits had been removed. Fourteen of the conspirators executed. A commission of Lords of the Council and other noblemen to meet at Fotheringay Castle to proceed to the attainture of the Queen of Scots. A new Parliament summoned for the 15th of October, to confirm her attainture.

Sept. 23. 59. Grant to Thomas Gill and Ralph Gill of the office of Keeper of the Lions, Lionesses, and Leopards in the Tower of London, and a yard for burying them in when they shall die. In the same manner and form as Ralph Worsley formerly held the same. Lat. Subsequently altered in King James's time, to convey the same office to Thomas Seale and John Hurst.

Sept. 24. Sheldesley. 60. Sylvanus Scory (son of the late Bishop of Hereford) to Lord Burghley. Laments his lordship's displeasure, and endeavours to justify his conduct in drawing his sword against one Mr. Pourvye when in the Low Countries with Sir Thos. Cecill. Gambling transactions with Sir Thomas. Complains of the ill-will of Mr. Robert Cecill towards him.

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Sept. 24? 61. Notes by Secretary Walsyngham (?) for the examinations of Peter Bate, Richard Halle, and Henry Edyall, all associates of Anthony Babington.

Sept. 24. 62. Examination of Peter Bate, of Derby. His services under Lord Loughborough and the Earl of Northumberland. His acquaintance with Lord Pagett and Anthony Babington, and with other persons suspected in religion.

Sept. 24? 63. Examination of Henry Edyall. His acquaintance with Lord Paget, Peter Bate, Richard Halle, and Anth. Babington. Denies being a papist, having regularly attended church and received the communion.

Sept. 25. 64. List of Seminary Priests and Recusants of late committed to the several prisons in London, signed by Jo. Popham.

Sept. 25. 65. Copy of the above.

Sept. 25. 66. Certificate of the Prisoners lately committed to the Tower and the other prisons in London; with a note of their several cases; attested by Popham, and indorsed by Burghley.

Sept. [25.] 67. List of Priests and others in the prisons about London, fit for Wisbeach, able to bear their own charges.

Sept. 25. 68. Reasons that caused the discontinuance of the title of Lord Say and Sele; with reasons for the revival of the title to Richard Fienes, the present suppliant. The several obites of the Lords Say and Sele.

Sept. 26. 69. Henry Middelmore to Lord Burghley. Desires a grant of the lands and livings of Mr. Abington, as they lie in the midst of his kinsmen and friends, and within three miles of where he was born. Has heard they have been granted to Capt. Furbisher.

Sept. 26. 70. Examination (by order of the Council) of Alexander Sawyer. Denies to have spoken with any one touching the taking of St. Michael's Mount.

Sept. 28. 71. Thomas Clarke to Thomas Willys. Sends him the letters of attorney from Mrs. Elizabeth Cockes to Hugh Cox (or Cockes), whereby he may make answer to the suit of Lawrence Wright. *Incloses,*

71. I. *Power of attorney from Elizabeth Cockes, widow of Charles Cockes, to Hugh Cockes, giving him full authority to act in all cases as her true and lawful attorney. November* 20, 1580.

Sept. 29. 72. Receipt by George Breton for the sum of 12*l.* 10*s.* of Sir William Catesbye, for one quarter's annuity to the children of George Breton.

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Sept. 30. 73. Power of attorney from John Saunders, of Coventry, to Wm. Finstede, to collect certain sums of money due to him by John Rampton and Sir John Conway.

Sept? 74. Petition of Christopher Lathorpe to Walsyngham; complaining of the conduct of William Scolfield, now Mayor of Lincoln, who with his party in the corporation had wrongfully displaced him and Christopher Dobson, both aldermen of Lincoln, notwithstanding the Council's letters to the Bishop and others for settling of the disputes in their city.

Sept. 75. Note of suspected persons, with their places of abode. Nicholas Ridgeley liveth in a blue house on the right hand of the upper part of Holborne, nigh the stile going into the fields there.

Sept. 76. Names of ministers and others, deprived or called in question for matters of religion, specially for non-observance of the Book of Common Prayer. [*Mutilated.*]

Sept. 77. List of Inland counties appointed to supply the Maritime counties with certain numbers of men; also list of Inland counties to be taxed for an army for the Queen Majesty's person.

Sept. 78. The Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire to the Council. Certificate of light-horsemen and demi-lances for the county of Wilts, under the charge of Mr. Brouncker, Henry Bainton, and Walter Long.

Sept. 79. Answer of the Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire to the Articles from the Lords of the Council, relating to musters, landing-places, watching the beacons, &c.

Sept. 80. Remembrance for the works at Portsmouth, with the answers of the Officers of the Ordnance; armourers to be sent down to clean and scour the armour; a bowyer and fletcher to be sent down, gunners, labourers, &c.

Sept. 81. Matters to be considered of by the Lords of the Privy Council, concerning the Lieutenancies of the Earl of Pembroke in North and South Wales; particularly for the defence of Milford Haven against invasion by an enemy. The shires of Wales adjoining Milford are weak in manred, not well trained, and but slenderly furnished with armour.

Sept. 82. Commissioners for relief of Poor Prisoners in the King's Bench to the Council. Complain of the evil demeanour of certain persons towards them, in the case of Arnold Hoore and John Browne, two poor prisoners, in contempt of Her Majesty's commission. Desire that they may be sent for to answer before the Council.

King's Bench.

Sept. 83. Petition of the Poor Inhabitants and Artificers of the town of , to the Master Bailiffs and others, for order to be taken amongst the strangers that they may be set on work; by the multitude of whom the prices of house rent, firewood, and victuals are so

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enhanced that themselves and their families are likely to perish. Signed by a great number of the townspeople, and all (with two or three exceptions) with their marks.

Sept? 84. Memorial of Richard Norris, ship owner, concerning an unjust information preferred against him by John Byrd and John Watts, who have the licence for Dover, for the transportation of grain.

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Oct. 1. 1. Robert Petre to Henry Maynarde. To request the Lord Treasurer to pass the warrant for the payment of Mr. Springe and Mr. Jenison. *Incloses,*

1. I. *Note of money remaining unpaid upon the warrant of Privy Seal of the 1st of August* 1586.

Oct. 2. 2. Roll of assessment of the Hundred of Buckley, co. Chester, for the second payment of the subsidy granted to the Queen in the Parliament begun on the 23rd of November, 1584.

Oct. 3. Windsor. 3. Privy Seal for payment of 30,000*l.* to Tho. Wylkes, Esq., for the service in the Low Countries.

Oct. 4. 4. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham and Mr. Sec. Davidson. Precedent for a warrant to be drawn for deferring the meeting of Parliament. Desires them to expedite such a warrant to postpone the day of meeting from the 15th to 24th of October.

Oct. 4. 5. Muster-roll containing the names of the pikemen and shot of Sir Henry Barkeley's band in the county of Somerset, mustered October 4.

Oct. 5. 6. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of the Inland counties. Directions for training and putting in readiness the forces of the county, appointing meet captains to command them, to serve as a guard for Her Majesty's person. [*This minute is entered in the Council Register on the 5th of October.*]

Oct. 5? 7. Details for an army to be put in readiness to attend the Queen's Majesty's person, with the names of the principal officers to be appointed for the leading and commanding the same, together with the numbers of horsemen and footmen to be put in readiness in certain counties.

Oct. 5. London. 8. William Phillipps to Sec. Davison. Compliments him on his new appointment. Desires him to receive one of his sons into his service, who had been brought up with Mr. Francis Bacon.

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Oct. 5. Theobalds. 9. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has given directions to Sir Tho. Sherley to make payment to Mr Wylkes of half the money allowed for portage of treasure into the Low Counties. The French ambassador to be spoken to touching the arrests in France.

Oct. 5. Windsor. 10. Lord Admiral Howard to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth. Directs them to sell the rye contained in two French ships bound for Dieppe and lately put into Yarmouth. To inform the Frenchmen the corn would not have been sold but that the country thereabouts standeth in great need of it.

Oct. 5. 11. Order for restraint of the trade of English merchants to Bretayne and Bourdeaux, till satisfaction shall be received for the arrest of English goods.

Oct. 6. Cotham. 12. Robt. Markham to Walsyngham. Examination of persons supposed to have found certain hidden treasure in Normanton fields in the county of Nottingham. *Incloses,*

12. I. *The examination of William Childers relative to the finding of treasure in Normanton fields.*

12. II. *Another examination more at large of William Childers, by virtue of letters from Sir F. Walsyngham.*

12. III. *Interrogatories to be ministered to Robert Wigston and William Wigston his brother.*

12. IV. *Examination of Robert Wigston thereon.*

12. V. *Interrogatories to be ministered to Thomas Forster.*

12. VI. *Examination of Wm. Wigston, Thomas Forster, and others.*

12. VII. *Interrogatories to be ministered to Roger Sturges and others, with the answers of Roger Sturges.*

12. VIII. *Examinations of Richard Sturges and others.*

12. IX. *Deposition of Thomas Clay.*

12. X. *Deposition of George Shaa, Richard Stout, and others.*

Oct. 6. 13. Examination of Christopher Wollridge, of Queen's College, Oxford, touching the conference that passed between him and John Baker relative to the authority of the Pope.

Oct. 6. Barn Elms. 14. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. Sir Richard Bingham's victory over the Scots in Ireland, and jealousy of the Lord Deputy towards him. The Queen does not rest satisfied with the form of the commission drawn up by the Council and Judges, on the point of the title of the Queen of Scots.

Oct. 6. London. 15. Rafe Lane to Secretary Davison. Congratulates him on his appointment. Rejoices no less in hope of the good advancement of Her Majesty's service, than of the good of the children of God in this His church.

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Oct. 6. St. Peter's Hill. 16. Tho. Randolphe to Sec. Davison. His intention by permission of Burghley and Walsyngham to be present at Fotheringay to hear the trial of Mary Queen of Scots, because of his knowledge of that woman's former dealing against Her Majesty.

Oct. 5. St. Peter's Hill. 17. Same to same. In behalf of Francis Mylles, for expedition of his suit now in hand.

Oct. 6. London. 18. Francis Mylles to same. Congratulates him on his new appointment, and desires him to favor his suit to Her Majesty touching the service about the Privy Seal. Has faithfully served above thirteen years in Court. Would have waited on him, but he is tied to the charge and custody of Nau.

Oct. 7. 19. John Carpinter to same. Congratulates him on the honor done to him of late. Has written to his brother Cranmer as to his resolution for his son George Cranmer. Desires some place to be reserved for him which would be a comfort to Davison's sister and him with their family.

Oct. 7. London. 20. Robert Glover, Somerset Herald, to same. Congratulates him on his promotion; thanks for his favors towards himself and his nephew Mr. Fr. Mylles. Recommends one Mr. William Cade for some office of trust.

Oct. 8. Chiswick. 21. Thomas Phellipes to same. What account his father makes of his offers of service will appear in the suit he has made for his son. States the various qualifications he has. Mr. Francis Bacon will speak well of him.

Oct. 8. London. 22. Ed. Barker to same. His servant Jones desires some apointment in his service. He is a tall man, fair condition, quiet, and has besides some reasonable skill in being a tailor. Is departing towards Fotheringay.

Oct. 8. Walsyngham House. 23. Francis Mylles to same. Thanks him for his favorable reception of his letter. States his services, in furtherance of his suit to Her Majesty.

Oct. 8. Marshalsea. 24. Robert Turner to same. Has been arrested and committed to the Marshalsea upon a warrant signed by Walsyngham, as he thought on the complaint of one Le Seur the French ambassador's secretary.

Oct. 8. The Court, at Windsor. 25. Wm. Davison to Walsyngham. Her Majesty, thinking the Scottish Queen may desire a private conference, has written a few lines to Lord Burghley and him, on that and some other points. Her answer to the French Ambassador's letter. Digby committed to the Tower. Her Majesty had promised to sign Mr. Mylles' bill. Mr. Waad need not go down as he was only one among others who were at the sealing up of the Scottish Queen's caskets.

Oct. 8. 26. Muster-roll for the county of Somerset. Names of the pikemen and shot under the command of Sir Geo. Sydenham, mustered at Bridgewater.

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Oct. 8. 27. Similar muster-roll of the 300 shot and pikemen trained by Sir John Stawell, and mustered at Bridgewater.

Oct. 8. 28. Muster-roll of the names of the soldiers in the band of Sir John Clyfton, in the county of Somerset.

Oct. 8. In camp in the duchy of Gueldres. 29. Grant by the Earl of Leicester to Sir Edward Stanley of one annuity or yearly pension of one hundred marks, or three score and six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence sterling, for his valiant and singular prowess in the conquest of the town of Zutphen.

Oct. 8. The Court at Windsor. 30. Davison to Walsyngham. The Lord Scrope to deal amicably with Maxwell but to be always on his guard. The Queen is not much pleased with the King of Scots' match with Denmark. Her conversation on the subject. With reference to the trial of the Queen of Scots, Davison fears "She will keep the course she held "with the Duke of Norfolk, which is not to take her life without "extreme fear compell her."

Oct. 9. Canterbury. 31. George Cranmer to "his very loving uncle Mr. John Carpinter." Thanks him for the preferment he has recently obtained for him. His father [Tho. Cranmer] wished him to go into the ministry; but "so great a calling ought in no case to be undertaken with a forced "minde." [*This George Cranmer was grand nephew of Archbishop Cranmer; and was killed at Carlingford on the 13th November 1600. His uncle, John Carpenter, married Anne the sister of Secretary Davison: hence the probable source of the young man's "preferment."*]

Oct. 10. Dorchester. 32. Sir John Horsey and George Trenchard to Walsyngham. Confession of Tho. Woodcocke sent to London with letters from Tho. Turbervill to Sir John Arundell and others. Substance of a treasonable letter sent by Francis Anderston to John Penvosse, servant to Mr. George Arundell, upon the execution of the traitors. The common gaols are overcharged with Recusants, and being rented by private persons, the Papists live at ease, and have their conventicles in despite of the Justices, do what they can.

Oct. 11. Tower. 33. Sir Owyn Hopton to Davison. Desires to move Her Majesty for the assignment of the warrant for the expenses of the Tower.

Oct. 11. 34. Note of ordnance, arms, and munition needful for the fortifications, the fireworks, the armory and for the bowyer and fletcher at Portsmouth.

Oct. 12. Bishop's Hall. 35. Henry Brouncker to Davison. That he had been prevented by sickness from writing to congratulate him on his new appointment. Has written to Her Majesty excusing his absence.

Oct. 12. London. 36. Elizabeth Longstone to same. Desires, in behalf of her son Thomas, for him to be taken into his service.

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Oct. 12. The Court, at Windsor. 37. Davison to Walsyngham. News of the engagement at Zutphen, under the Earl of Essex, Lord Willoughby, and Sir Phil. Sidney. The Queen much troubled at the report of Sidney's hurt.

Oct. 13. 38. John Carpinter to Davison. Thanks him for taking his nephew into his service.

Oct. 13. London. 39. Tho. Randolphe to same. Regrets having been obliged to leave Sec. Walsyngham on his way to Fotheringay, being miserably tormented with the cholic.

Oct. 13. Apethrope. 40. Sir Chr. Hatton to Δ Δ Δ [the Queen]. Thanks for her many favors towards him. Prays God to requite her in Heaven for it. Has recovered his perfect health. Hopes for no longer life than his faith and love may eveR be found inviolable and spotless to so royal and peerless a Princess.

Oct. 14. Hartwell. 41. Alexander Hampden to Davison. Has examined and sends up James Parrys and Wm. Carter, of Aylesbury, touching the slanderous speeches of John Yates. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Confession of James Parrys and William Carter relative to the slanderous speeches of John Yates, who reported news he had heard in Lady Russell's house that the Queen was dead.*

Oct. 14. Walsingham House, in Seething Lane. 42. Francis Mylles to same. Thanks for the good news of his appointment to the office of the Privy Seal. Prays that his bill may now receive the ordinary course with the clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal.

Oct. 14. The Court, at Windsor. 43. Sec. Davison to Walsyngham. Has communicated his letters to the Queen together with the answers of the Queen of Scots. Her Majesty caused him to write a few hasty lines to the Lord Treasurer, at midnight, to stay the sentence against the Queen of Scots, till Walsyngham's return to Court to make report of what had been done. Does not think those letters will come time enough to hinder the sentence, "which by our calculation here should be given as "yesterday, or this morning, which error I could be content might "happen, for the shortening of your business and stay there." Has not heard further of the state of Sir Phil. Sidney. The Queen has sent a gentleman over to visit him from her.

Oct. 15. Windsor. 44. Same to same. Received his letters this morning at seven o'clock, wherewith Her Majesty hath been somewhat moved, and approves of their proceedings, upon refusal of the Queen of Scots to appear publicly. Her Majesty notices they have not proceeded to give sentence. Adjournment of the Parliament. Lady Walsyngham is reasonably well comforted with the message she received from the Queen and the hopes of Sir Phil. Sidney's recovery. The Earl of Huntingdon to continue in his government till winter.

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Oct. 16. Burley. 45. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham or to the Vice-Chamberlain. Has just received the inclosed and answered that by it Her Majesty may see the inconvenience of having this commission to be executed so far distant from her. Impossible to meet before the 25th as it would be an error in law; "for so we might verefy the Scott. "Qu. allegation that we came thither with a prejudgement, and "that, as she sayd, it was so reported commonly."

Oct 17. Bishop's Hall. 46. Henry Brouncker to Sec. Davison. Desires him to remind Her Majesty of the postscript in his former letter, which he requests may be noticed.

Oct 17. 47. Examinations of Thos. Turnour and Robert Winter, taken by Francis Cotton. Turnour's dwelling in Warwickshire, and journey from thence to London and Dover, and offer of service to Mr. Wootton, ambassador to France. Winter hired to conduct Turnour to Portsmouth.

Oct. 18. 48. Examination of Tho. Hunckes, taken before the Earl of Sussex. His residence in Gloucestershire, and journey to Fotheringay, to deliver a letter to Sir Wm. Catesbye, and from thence to London, Dover, and Havant.

Oct. 19. Royston. 49. Burghley to Walsyngham. Has received a letter from Sir Amyas Paulett of some speeches between the Queen of Scots and him. Does not yet know how Her Majesty accepts of the adjournment of the commission.

Oct 19. 50. Henry Noel to Sec. Davison. Requests to know of Her Majesty's resolution touching his brother's going into Flanders.

Oct. 19. London. 51. Thos. Randolphe to same. Knows not where the two packets have wandered since they came from him; negligence of the posts; letters from the Ambassador of Scotland. Thinks Burghley by good usage may have the King of Scotland as he wishes, and may rule the country as he will.

Oct. 19. Stafford. 52. The Deputy Lieutenants of Staffordshire to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Their proceedings in the musters, and training of the forces of the county, and names of the captains appointed to command them. Orders as to spreaders of false news, supply of the markets, &c. The Papists have been disarmed.

Oct. 20. 53. Certificate by the Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset of their proceedings in putting the county in readiness for defence. Appointment of captains. Watch set in every town, and the beacons to be watched and warded. Search for suspected persons. Are now engaged in taken a view of the horsemen.

Oct. 20. 54. John Guilpine to Sec. Davison. In favor of Edward Smyth, Master of Arts of Cambridge, who desires to enter his service. He is zealous in God's true religion.

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Oct. 20. London. 55. Rafe Lane to Sec. Davison. In favor of Mr. Bennyson, who had something to discover concerning Her Majesty's safety; and also desired to get an order for payment of a sum of money awarded to him from the Bishop of London.

Oct. 21. Ligh. 56. Samuel Norton to Lady Cobham. Desires her to obtain for him the post of Lieutenant-General of the horsemen in Somersetshire, and leader of the petronells, under the Earl of Pembroke.

Oct 22. Woodham Mortymer. 57. Arthur Herrys to Lord Chancellor Bromley, touching certain indecent speeches uttered by John Whyte, *alias* Snellyng, a shoemaker of Rayleigh, in Essex. The man seems partly lunatic and overstudied with anabaptistical conceits. *Incloses,*

57 I. *The examination of George Yonge and others, relative to to the speeches of John White, alias Snellyng, on religious points, and foretelling the death of the Queen.*

Oct. 23. Basing. 58. Marquis of Winchester to Sec. Davison. Thanks on behalf of his servants, and requesting the complaints against him may be heard before the Lords of the Council.

Oct. 23. The Court. 59. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Touching a young gentleman named James Umfery taken at Rye, with instructions given him by Ingram Twhyn, servant of Thomas Earl of Northumberland, and a letter of Gilbert Gyfford's. Sends copies of them. The Lord Chancellor gave notice of an intended negotiation for peace. Thinks it better to prepare arms than to negotiate a dissembled peace.

Oct. 25. 60. Tho. Danett to Sec. Davison. Had met with Mr. Robt. Cecill who thought the clerkship of the Council would be bestowed on Mr. Herlle. Desires his influence with Her Majesty and the Lord Treasurer to obtain for him that office.

Oct. 27. Barn Elms. 61. Francis Mylles to same. Lady Walsyngham's opinion as to his choice of a page.

Oct. 27. 62. H to Walsyngham. Mr. Davyes and his wife ready to pass over to France with great secrets for Westmoreland and others, accompanied by Mrs. Monperson. Conferences between them and Sir Tho. Gresham. A priest was with Mrs. Davyes, and had secret talk with her and Mrs. Monperson in Clerkenwell, which is a very college of wicked Papists.

Oct. 28. London. 63. Nicholas Sentleger to Sec. Davison. In behalf of his cousin's suit touching the Lady Gilbert.

Oct. 29? 64. List of Acts continued the last Parliament, and will now determine if they be not continued further.

Oct. 29. Bath. 65. D. Sprint to Sec. Davison. Congratulates him on being sworn of the Privy Council. Is ready to do him all service in his power. [*Wm. Davison and John Wolley, Latin secretary, were sworn of the Council on the same day, the 30th of September. Co. Reg.*]

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Oct. 29. Richmond. 66. Sec. Davison to Lord Burghley. The complaints of Sir Amyas Poulet to be attended to, and to have better means of defence to resist any desperate attempt. The Queen is not well pleased that Sir Amyas does not give her more information of what speeches pass between him and the Queen of Scots. Instructions from the King of Navarre to De Reaux. John Welles is dispatched into France.

Oct. 30. 67. Burghley to Davison. The French and Scottish Ambassadors are desirous to be permitted to stand in some place unknown, where they may see the manner of the Lords sitting in Parliament. Desires to have Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Oct. 30. 68. Same to same. Has read Mr. Parlett's letters touching the defences of Fotheringay Castle, and would take order with Sir Amyas Poulett for the increase of the garrison. Intends to be there to-morrow night. The Commissioners to meet at the Star Chamber to hear and conclude upon the process in form of a record.

Oct. 30. London. 69. Anthony Radclyff, alderman, to same. In favor of William Copley, son of Lady Copley, who had been committed to his charge till the return of the Council from Fotheringay. Finds him to be very tractable, and will be easily won to become a good Christian.

Oct. 30. 70. Brief declaration of the names of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces, with the number of men appointed for the keeping of the same whilst lying in harbour, with an increase of one-halfpenny per diem for the men's wages.

Oct. 31. Richmond. 71. Letters of safe-conduct granted by Queen Elizabeth to Petruccius Ubaldinus of Florence, being sent beyond seas on Her Majesty's service. Latin.

Oct. 31. 72. Sir Edw. Hoby to Sec. Davison. Desires him to use his influence with Her Majesty in his behalf, he having been not only bitten but overpassed by the hard hand of his colleague [Walsyngham].

Oct. 73. Observations on the offers made by the Recusants to be exempt from the penalties of the statute, and the imperfections in the returns hitherto made.

Oct. 74. Names of the counties to which the Council's letters were sent, to deal with the Recusants in Feb. 1585–6; and of those counties which have not certified.

Oct. ? 75. Interrogatories to be ministered to Sir Tho. Fitzherbert and others his people. His connection with the rebellion in the North; harbouring and receiving priests and Jesuits; sheltering Anth. Babington in the late conspiracy. Mass said in his house at Norbury by Father Parsons, the Jesuit.

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Nov. 2. 1. Lord Burghley to Sir Fs. Walsyngham. Sends him the letters received from Sir Amyas Poulet. Recommends Sec. Davison should refer the matter touching the strengthening the place to Her Majesty's decision. Consoles him on his late loss of Sir Ph. Sydnei; his own trials on similar occasions. Hopes the lands settled by their marriage are well assured to Walsyngham. Has heard that Lady Sydnei is with child; hopes it may prove a son.

Nov. 3. Terstwood. 2. Thomas West, Sheriff of Hampshire, to same. Certifies the amount of money he has received from Recusants towards furnishing light horses for service in the Low Countries. His trouble in making the collection: some refuse it, some evade it, and others escape altogether. *Incloses,*

2. 1. *Edw. Banyster to the Sheriff of Hampshire. Has paid to the Sheriff of Sussex and Surrey the full amount claimed for a light horse.*

Nov. 5. Richmond. 3. Sec. Davison to same. Will communicate his letter touching Mr. Randolph to Her Majesty. The Earl of Leicester's return from the Low Countries is uncertain. To send instructions to Leicester to stay the coming of the Commissioners from the States. Lord Willoughby to be appointed to take the command at Flushing. Other arrangements for the government in Holland. Her Majesty would have visited him this morning, but for fear of redoubling his and her griefs for the loss of Sydnei.

Nov. 6. Richmond. 4. Same to same. Her Majesty refers the suit of Nau for liberty to his decision. Promises to forward the answer of Lord Gray. Has written to the Earl of Leicester to continue at his post till the arrival of Lord Gray.

Nov. 6. 5. Remembrance for the Lords of the Council from the Earl of Sussex, as to certain persons arrested, and for the fortifications at Portsmouth.

Nov. 10. London. 6. Commissioners for Poor Prisoners in London to Walsyngham. Their endeavours to compound the cause between Edw. Price, prisoner in the Fleet, and Edmond Ludlow. Obstinacy of Ludlowe in refusing to appear before them.

Nov. 10. 7. Burghley and Vice-Chamberlain Hatton to Sec. Davison. That it would not be possible to summon the House of Lords to assemble before Saturday. The Commons to meet on Friday. Two or three lords desire an audience of Her Majesty.

Nov. 10. 8. Examination of John Boileau, a Frenchman; touching the cause of his coming over into England, his landing at Newhaven in Sussex, and from thence to London. Denies his coming into England was to kill the King of Portugal.

Nov. 11. 9. Examination of Marke de la Caria, *alias* Le Graunge and Jaques Cottie, servants of Sir John Ricquarville, *alias* Boileau. The purport of their coming into England.

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Nov. 11. Brecon. 10. Bishop Middleton to Walsyngham. Contributions levied on the clergy of the diocese of St. David's for furnishing of light horses. Archdeacon Pratt refuses to contribute one penny thereunto. His fellow clergymen seem very unwilling to bear his burden. *Incloses,*

10. I. *A note of the contributions levied on the clergy of the diocese of St. David's, for furnishing of light horses for service in Flanders.*

Nov. 11. 11. Burghley to Davison. A question has arisen in the Parliament chamber, whether it were convenient the two Archbishops and four other Bishops should accompany the other lords temporal in the petition to Her Majesty for execution of the Scottish Queen. Desires him to procure Her Majesty's answer and wishes thereon; for then my Lord of Canterbury would shape his course. Has spoken with Sir Drue Drury.

Nov. 11. Court of Wards. 12. Same to same. To deliver the inclosed to Her Majesty's own hand, whose meaning as to the petition to be presented by the Lords of Parliament cannot be performed, they having adjourned till Tuesday. The Commons sit this morning, and Her Majesty's meaning would be fully supplied by a speech from the Speaker.

Nov. 13. 13. Bond of Edward Hedges, of Lapworth, co. Warwick, to pay to Sir William Catesbye, of Lambeth, co. Surrey, the last half year's rent of the lands he holds of Sir William.

Nov. 13. 14. Tho. Randolphe to Davison. In behalf of the Post and Constable of Ware, touching the taking up of Mr. Quarles' horse to ride post.

Nov. 16. 15. Burghley to same. Desires that Mr. Webstar, of St. John's College, Cambridge, a good preacher, may be appointed to the prebend in the church of Westminster, vacant by the death of Mr. Wagstaff. Hopes to be able to be abroad to-morrow, to celebrate the blessed day; [the Queen's accession].

Nov. 18. 16. Indenture of evidences and writings delivered by John Cope to Gabriel Poultney, for the better defence of certain lands in Knolle. in the county of Warwick.

Nov. 20. 17. Petition of Hugh Offley, merchant of London, to Lord Burghley. For licence for his ship, the Greyhound, to proceed on her voyage to Newhaven, in Normandy, notwithstanding the order for suspension of the trade thither.

Nov. 20. 18. Petition of Hugh Offley to the Council. Desiring letters to the State of Zealand for restitution of the ship, and merchandise, named the Henry Francis, taken between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, by men-of-war of Flushing.

Nov. 23. "My house" near the Savoy. 19. Burghley to Davison. Desires him to procure the assent of Her Majesty that the complaint of Mr. Allen against Mrs. Yorke, a widow, may be left to the ordinary course of the law.

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Nov 23. 20. Pasquier (one of the Scotch Queen's secretaries?) to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires leave to write to the French Ambassador, to procure money from him for the supply of his wants. French.

Nov. 23. 21. [B.] to same. Secret advertisements. Desires directions what course to pursue with regard to certain practisers abroad. Brynckley is the only correspondent of the Society of Jesuits, and their treasurer, and was of Parsons' privy council, and the writer was to be Brynckley's correspondent in England. Charles Pagett promised to communicate to him the affairs of the Papists. Is loth to enter into these perilous matters without warrant. Thanks him for sparing the life of Chr. Dryland at his request.

Nov. [24.] 22. Burghley to Davison. Easter Day would be as late as the 16th of April, at which time it would be necessary for all persons to be in the maritime counties for defence. To request Her Majesty to send in writing the manner of the speeches to be used by the Lord Chancellor at the prorogation of Parliament. If some demonstration is not made, by publishing the solemn sentence against the Queen of Scots, it will be called a vain Parliament, or otherwise nick-named. Hopes for execution of the sentence. Written afore daylight, having been up since 5 o'clock.

Nov. 25. Richmond. 23. Davison to Walsyngham; to stay the interview of the new arrived French Ambassador with Her Majesty, it being reported by Mr. Herlle that some of his attendants had died of the plague since his arrival in England.

Nov. 25. Richmond. 24. Same [to Sir F. Walsyngham?]. To arrange with Mons. Bellievre, the French Ambassador, to bring only such attendants with him to the audience with Her Majesty as he would be personally responsible for, in consequence of the recent attempts against Her Majesty's person.

Nov. 29. 25. Burghley to Davison. His letters had been so long coming that the Lord Chancellor was prepared to prorogue Parliament before he received intelligence that it was to be adjourned till Friday. Inconvenience of Her Majesty being at such a distance.

Nov. 29. Westminster. 26. Same to Walsyngham. Her Majesty desires that he, with Burghley and Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, should enter into consideration of the causes of the prisoners in the Tower. Thought to have seen him at the Star Chamber this afternoon, to subscribe the sentence, with the other Commissioners.

Nov. 29. London. 27. H to same. Secret advertisements. Desires leave to repair to the Court. Much useful matter might be learned from Tho. Harris, a trusty servant of Mr. Henry Vaux. Report that the Scottish Queen had lost her head. God send never worse news to England.

Nov. 30. The Savoy. 28. Burghley to Davison. Has sent the proclamation, engrossed in parchment, to be altered according to Her Majesty's pleasure.

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That the proclamation would require a declaration of the fact by the Scottish Queen, and of Her Majesty's grief for the same, &c. Cannot be at the prorogation of Parliament.

Nov. 30. Westminster. 29. Bishop Overton to Walsyngham. Certifies his proceeding in collecting the contributions of the clergy of Coventry and Lichfield for the furnishing of lances. *Incloses,*

29. I. *The agreement and order of the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, touching two lances, with their petition to the Bishop for his admission of the same, and their discharge.*

29. II. *The rate assigned to the Prebendaries non-resident being parcel of the Chapter, for the furnishing of light horses.*

29. III. *The names of the Clergy within the diocese of Lichfield who are behind with their payments of the taxation levied upon them for the furnishing of lances.*

Nov. 30. 30. Minute, in Sir Fr. Walsyngham's hand, of the resolutions of the Lords touching the prisoners in the Tower. Names of the prisoners.

Nov. 30. 31. Another resolution of the Lords touching the prisoners in the Tower, differing in arrangement from the preceding.

Nov. 30. 32. Another copy of the resolutions of the Lords touching the prisoners in the Tower. The same names as in the preceding, with only one exception; with a note of their offences.

Nov. 33. Sir Foulk Grevill to Walsyngham. Information by one Ponsonby, a bookbinder, that some person was in hand to print Sir Philip Sydney's "Old Arcadia." Inquires if it is done with Walsyngham's knowledge. Has sent to Lady Sydney a corrected copy of the "Old Arcadia," done four or five years since. He had besides most excellently translated Monsr. Du Plessy's book against Atheism.

Nov. 34. Abstract of the certificates of Priests and other Recusants committed to sundry prisons, from June till November, 1586, by whom committed, and, in many instances, the dates of their commitment.

Nov.? 35. Tho. Morley to Walsyngham. Objects to the two gentlemen now in election for the office of Sheriff of Worcestershire, William Sheldan and William Childe, being known favorers of the Romish religion. [*William Childe was sheriff in* 1586–7.]

Nov. 36. Answers by the Merchant Adventurers to the complaints of the clothiers as to the low prices they obtain for their cloths. Resolution of the Company to give advanced prices, and to buy up all the cloths, even to their own loss.

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Nov.? 38. Π (anonymous) to Walsyngham (?). Secret intelligence. Clandestine journey of the Earl of Worcester and Lord Mordaunt in a wherry down the river to Radcliff, to the Red Lion there, a haunt of Francis Browne's. Has lately used his "best endeavours to pierce "into the mind of a very great one of this realm."

Nov.? 39. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe (?). The mines at St. Just were never better than they are now. Particulars of the copper ore produced there. Would to God they had a dozen such mines. Synner mine has begun working. Number of workmen employed. Money matters.

Dec. 1. Richmond. 40. Sec. Davison to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has dealt with Her Majesty touching the private audience of Mr. Arch. Douglas, and she thinks best he should deliver his opinion to the Lord Treasurer or him, Sir Francis. The proclamation to be signed next day, to be proclaimed on Saturday.

Dec. 1. 41. Lord Burghley to same. Came home after daylight, to small purpose, as Her Majesty did not stir from her bed afore 10 o'clock. She approves of the proclamation, but it is not to be published before Saturday. Himself, Walsyngham, and Hatton appointed to speak with Mons. Bellièvre. Parliament to be prorogued to some shorter time than the 6th of March.

Dec. 2. 42. Declaration of Tho. Mayenwaryng, touching the conference between Salisbury and Edwd. Jones, lately executed, two of the traitors implicated in Babington's conspiracy, with Lawrence Bannister of Shropshire. Meeting with Mr. Draicott and John Hanmer at Bannister's house.

Dec. 3. The Lord Mayor's house. 43. Lord Burghley to Sec. Davison. Mons. Bellievre, the French Ambassador, is very urgent to have an audience of Her Majesty to-morrow. Desires to know the Queen's pleasure thereon.

Dec. 3. 44. Harbert Westfaling, Bishop of Hereford, to the Council. Sends a note of the names and amount contributed by the clergy in his diocese for the furnishing of light horses.

Dec. [3 ?] 45. Statement of the causes of the increase of Recusants in the diocese of Hereford, with means how the number of them may be diminished, or at least stayed from increasing.

[Dec. 3 ?] 46. A note for Sir Fr. Walsyngham concerning the Recusants within the diocese of Hereford. They are wonderful bold, and stick not to give evil speeches and to do insolently. Advises severe measures, for gentle inducements have little prevailed.

Dec. 5. Ely House. 47. The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Lieutenant of Salop and Stafford. Directions to send such numbers of soldiers

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out of those counties as the Earl of Huntingdon, Lieutenant in the North, should require, and to place them under the command of his son, Lord Talbot.

Dec 5. 48. Declaration of the annual value of the lands and possessions of Edward Earl of Bedford, and payments of the same during his minority; the lands called Covent Garden, and a close called Long Aker, and tenements called Fryers Pyes Rents, being of the value of 79*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* per annum.

[Dec.] 49. A note of the yearly rents of all the manors, lands, and tenements of Edward Earl of Bedford, Her Majesty's ward, within the counties of Devon and Cornwall; with a note of the woods to be sold.

Dec. 6. Bodmyn. 50. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. Has been detained for the completion of some iron work to be taken into the West. Money affairs. The works at St. Just's are great.

Dec. 7. 51. Note of Seminary Priests and Recusants committed to the several prisons in London, and not contained in Mr. Secretary's notes; with dates of their commitment.

Dec. 7. Lynne. 52. Robert Gervys, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Lynne to Lord Burghley. The prices of corn and grain had been reasonable, but now much enhanced by the great engrossing as well by strangers as by our own countrymen.

Dec. 8. St. Peter's Hill. 53. Tho. Randolphe to Sec. Davison. Excuses himself that he could not accept his invitation, but would wait on him to-morrow, by permission of his physician, Mrs. Randolph.

Dec. 10. Richmond. 54. Sec. Davison to Walsyngham. That the Lord Treasurer had spoken to Her Majesty in Walsyngham's particular suit, and apparently with good success. The public services of Walsyngham; to whom, under God, Her Majesty owed the preservation of her life, which she could not nor might in honor forget. Had moved for a safe conduct for Mons. De la Faille, but was at the moment interrupted by the Earl of Leicester. Leicester complains of some unkindness.

Dec. 10. 55. Certificate of the discharge of Tho. Lake, Dr. of Physic, committed to the Marshalsea for misdemeanor towards Sir James Hales; signed W. Waad.

Dec. 11. 56. The report of Edw. Baeshe, surveyor-general of the victuals for the seas, touching the state of Her Majesty's ships, with their several numbers of men in them, all victualled till the end of December.

Dec. 12. 57. Nicholas Clarke to Burghley. Has stayed an Irishmen at Tibury who was going over the water, and so into France. He had about 100 marks in gold and Spanish money on his person.

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Dec. 13. London. 58. Richard Young to Walsyngham. Has drawn up the charges against George Gifford; and also sends an account of proceedings against the starch-makers. Death of Lady Peckham, at which three seminary priests were present, who said she was possessed with a devil, and thereupon undertook to exorcise her, during which she yielded up her breath. *Incloses,*

58. I. *Articles objected against George Gifforde, appearing upon the examinations of several witnesses, concerned in the robbery of divers houses in and about London and Westminster, by means of an engine used for that purpose by the said Gifforde. Highway robberies on Hounslow Heath.*

Dec. 14. Baynard's Castle. 59. The Earl of Pembroke to Tho. Lewes, High Sheriff of Glamorgan, and Nicholas Herberte, Vice-Admiral. For the stay of the ship of one Beere, a pirate, at Cardiff, who had taken a Scottish ship very richly laden.

Dec. 14. Exeter. 60. The Lieutenants of Devon and Exeter to Walsyngham. Have written to the Council on the state of the defences of the shire. Desire orders to be sent to certain towns for furnishing of gunpowder, with the rate of prices. Ordnance to defend the landing places.

Dec. 14. 61. Certain points wherein the Lord Lieutenant of Devon desires some order to be taken by the Council. The county is meanly furnished of horses, and the Justices of Peace unwilling to find petronells.

Dec. 14. 62. A discourse out of the common law touching earldoms and baronies.

Dec. 14. 63. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 6. Barn Elms. 64. Walsyngham to Burghley. Excuses his departure from Court without taking leave of him. Her Majesty's unkind dealing towards him hath so wounded him as he could take no comfort to stay there. Thanks him for his favors, but desires him not to press his suit with Her Majesty any further.

Dec. 16. 65. Articles exhibited to the Council on behalf of Th. Musgrave, Austin Wolsey, and other gentlemen of Norfolk, against the cruelty and oppression of Roger Wyndham, Esq., of Felbridge, in the county of Norfolk. [*Roger Wyndham was summoned to appear before the Council, and his appearance is entered on the 16th December* 1586. *Co. Reg.*]

Dec. 16. 66. A list of the names of the gentlemen in Norfolk, against whom Mr. Wyndham has or formerly had suits.

Dec. 22. Rowdon. 67. Edmond Ludlowe to Walsyngham. In answer to Edward ap Price's complaint against him, certifying what order had been taken in the suit. Hopes he shall not be enforced to travel to attend the pleasure of such a one as Price is.

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Dec. 24. 68. Minute, in Burghley's hand, of an Order in Council touching the matters in controversy between the clothiers of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Somerset, and the Merchants Adventurers.

Dec. 27. 69. Lawrence Tomson to Mr. Sec. Davison. Thanks for his endeavours in his behalf, but he is not desirous of other public employment, never having received any remuneration for his former services. Supposes it to be the will of God that his labors and travails should be lost, so he takes it as thankfully as if his mouth had not been muzzled.

Dec. 28. 70. Examination and confession of Alice Lake, wife of Osmond Lake, Vicar of Ringwood, Southampton, concerning certain words spoken and reported by Edward Eaton against Her Majesty, declaring that her days should not be long; and examination of Edward Eaton.

Dec. 31. Grenwich. 71. Wm. Waad to Sec. Davison. The Council would meet that evening to sign the orders concerning the relief of the poor and for serving the markets with corn.

December. 72. The names of Priests committed to sundry prisons, with annotations (in Tho. Phelipps's hand) suggesting various punishments:—Ralph Ithell, *mete to be hanged;* John Baldwin, *to be banished;* Jonas Meredith, *worthy to be hanged;* John Adams and John Lowe *are hanged alredye.* Such as are noted to be banished are fittest therefor, because exceeding poor and contentious.

December.] 73. Copy of the first part of the above, with additional information of divers priests abroad, whereof some are more perilous than those in prison.

December? 74. N. B[erden?] to Thomas Phellipps. Sends lists of all the Priests, Jesuits, and Recusants, in several prisons; their names and demerits, and suggestions for various degrees of punishment; some to be hanged, some to be banished, ; nearly all fit for the gallies or the gallows. Indorsed by Phellipps, "*Information concerning all "the preestes in London imprisoned; from Berden.*"

March? Bedlam. 75. Nicholas Berden to same. Was at the French Ambassador's on Thursday, where there were Lady Compton and Lady Strange, with young Thomas Jarrett attending upon them. There was there also Francis Tresham, son of Sir Thomas Tresham. Solicits the release of Raphe Byckley, seminary priest, from the Gatehouse, and Richard Sherwood, *alias* Carlton, from the Compter, for whose release he should receive a sum of money, which he is much in want of.

Dec. 76. Brief note of the charge of the earthworks at Portsmouth, under the direction of Wm. Pers.

Dec. 77. The catalogue of certain special popish books found in Barber's house at Oxford.

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1586. Dec ? 78. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. Quantity of ores at the smelting house. Specimens of ore. Desires his advice as to the future charge of the works.

Dec. 79. Report by Sir Wm. Wynter, Martin Frobisher, and others, Commissioners for ascertaining the value of all such bullion goods, merchandise, &c., as had of late been brought in by Sir Francis Drake. Indorsed, "*To be entryd into thende of Sr Frauncis Drakes "booke.*"

80. Pedigree of William Lord Marquis of Winchester, in Lord Burghley's hand.

81. Names of the Low Countrymen residing in London and Southwark.

82, 83. Note of things to be considered for the furtherance of Her Majesty's service in the county of Kent, relative to the musters, with the resolutions of Sir Fr. Walsyngham therein. [*Two papers.*]

84. Estimate for six days' charges of powder, lead, and match for 2,555 shot, within the liberties of the Cinque Ports, and part of the shire of Kent.

85. Account of the yearly value of the Queen's Majesty's half hundred of Hoxfield, with the manor of South Mawling, in the county of Sussex. Mr. Goryng's offer for the lease of the same to be held of Her Majesty in fee-farm.

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1586? 86. Sir William Herbert to Walsyngham (?) States his reasons why so many are backward in religion in Monmouth; attributable to four causes: want of instruction, want of correction, the over-great countenance of men of great calling, and the continual hope of change. His hopes of success in remedying the first; his failure in the second by the resort of seminary priests sowing the seeds of sedition and error. Recommends Tho. Herbert to be appointed sheriff's bailiff.

87. Frederic Remagen, a German, to Sec. Davison. Has discovered a secret of great importance, by which he can remove any thing written, from paper, parchment, or printed books. French.

88. Propositions by the Merchant Adventurers for opening a negotiation for renewal of their privileges at Hamburgh, through the medium of the Earl of Leicester, Lieutenant-General in Holland.

89. Depositions in behalf of Wm. Courtney, master of the Katherine of Dover, and Roger Hankyn, against Wm. Michelot, as to five ships set forth from St. Maloes.

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90. Petition of the French Strangers to the Council. That letters may be written to the Lord Mayor to give order for them to be set on work, and that the citizens may be permitted to employ more than two strangers in their service.

91. Information given by Edward De Barne, touching the intent of the King of Spain to invade England. Implication of Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower.

92. Considerations why the isle and county of Anglesey should be provided for, by the Lords. Exposed position, lying in the channel between Ireland and Wales, and open to easy occupation by an enemy.

93. Brief notes on the effect of the petition of the Inhabitants of Anglesey, exhibited by Lewes ap Owen ap Meirick, of the said isle; being appointed and sent to the Lords to prosecute the same.

94. Note of able men and arms mustered and furnished by several cities and towns.

95. Statement of the number of men put in readiness in the Maritime and in the Inland counties, and of those in the Maritime counties untrained. In Yorkshire 6,000 foot and 400 horse.

96. The names of the captains that have the charge of the 6,000 footmen, which are put in readiness within the county of York.

97. Estimate of the charges of impresting, conduct, wages, victuals, and discharge of 1,000 mariners; the charges for the whole navy of sixteen ships; and the amount of loss to the Queen if the service go not forward.

98. Estimate of the charge of 20,000 men at sea for one month, and of the amount to be saved by victualling them with fish, oil, and pease, instead of beef and beer.

99. Brief or abstracts of the examinations in the Star Chamber, in the case between Ralph Barton and Serjeant Richard Shuttleworth, and Margery his wife, relative to certain lands and tenements settled by Robert Barton upon the said Margery his then wife.

100. The answers of Thomas Michels to Henry Boyer's objections: as to the misusage of Mr. Cloasse by Mr. Boyer, Mr Hussey, and others, in the church.

101. Pedigree and descent of the families of Oxenbridge and Carew.

102. Pedigree and descent of the family of the Lords Abergavenny in favour of Ed. Nevill, for his title to be Lord of Abergavenny.

103. Pedigrees and descent of the families of Gage and Saunders.

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104. Memoranda of the state of the matter between Mr. Smythe and the Gentlemen of my Lord of Leycester's, imprisoned as sureties for a debt.

105. Petition of John Jerman and others, the labourers of the city of London, to the Council; desiring confirmation of their incorporation granted by King Henry the Seventh, and confirmed by King Henry the Eighth.

106. Declaration of the matter in controversy between Thomas Sidney and Mr. Litchefield as to admission to certain copyhold lands of the manor of Wighton, co. Norfolk, bought by Sidney of John Smyth.

107. Names of knaves, Papists, and harbourers of priests. Five of them the Lord Montague's household servants; another five, household servants of Lord Lumley; two servants of Lord Compton; and Dr. Halse a physician.

108. Statement of the claims of Sir Edw. Wotton, the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, Joseph Norwood, Henry Crispe and Henry Paramore, to wrecks of the sea in certain districts within the limits of the Cinque Ports.

109. Reasons for reviving the ancient office of Conservator of the truce and the King's safe conducts, in all the ports and coasts of the realm, for suppressing of piracies, robberies, &c., at sea; and for appointing John Goodman and George Gale to the same.

110. "A civilian's opinion whether goods taken by a Frenchman (under a pretence of a reprizal granted him by the French King) " from certain Portugees, and conveyed into England to be sold, " were to be restored or not."

111. Plan of the town, harbour, and fortifications of Scarborough.

112. Articles to be considered of and answered to Henry Dale, as to the provision of powder from abroad, with a staple to be made in certain towns for supply of the adjacent counties.

113. Declaration by the Bishop of St. David of the matter in controversy between him and Sir John Perrott; with the Bishop's offer for quietness' sake.

114. Means to stay the declining in religion occasioned by the practices of the Recusants, Seminary Priests, and Jesuits.

115. Names of divers persons certified to be receivers of Jesuits and Seminaries.

116. A note of the names of the wives and widows which are most obstinate Recusants in the county of Bedford, with the names of their husbands and what estate and ability they are of, per annum. Elizabeth Charnock, daughter of Sir John Arundell and wife of John Charnock.

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117. Henry Butler to Walsyngham (?) The poorness of his entertainment induced him to quit the service of the state. His detention by the Jesuits in France. Undertook to bear letters of commendation from them, in order to facilitate his escape into England.

118. [Anonymous] to Robert Crane, of Baliol College, Oxford. Exhorts him for the salvation of his soul to become a member of the Catholic Church.

119. Letter subscribed "Robert" to the Rector of one of the Seminaries. Information of various priests and Jesuits. Complains of the want of priests, three whole shires, having great store of Catholics, have not one priest amongst them.

120. The names of certain Papists to be apprehended; John Loane, Griseld Nevell, Wm. Sayer, and others.

121. Information given by John Lucas against one Penkennett, prisoner in the Compter, who tried to persuade him to go to Rheims. His speech in dispraise of Dr. Fulke.

122. W. Sterrell to Thos. Phellippes. Has written to Flanders. Skidmore the priest has been all Christmas at Mr. Seborne's house in Herefordshire. Desires him to speak to the Earl of Essex, that some reasonable order may be taken for him. Complains of being denied white bread in Lent: such a jest might be very pretty in an alehouse.

123. Same to same. That the Queen will remove on Saturday or Monday. Desires him to speak to the Earl of Essex in his favor for some allowance.

124. Sec. Davison (?) to Sir Henry Lee, in commendation of Mr. Sugden, who had been appointed by Her Majesty to the clerkship of the armory.

125. An Abstract of the Records of Her Majesty's High Court of the Admiralty, concerning restitution made to Her Majesty's subjects in respects of the stay of their goods in Portugal, at the time of the embargo there.

126. Summary of articles, objected against the Earl of Pembroke's attempt, for obtaining the liberties within the Queen's lordship of Glamorgan and Morganug.

127. Copy, probably in the hand of James Lancaster, the navigator, of the 20 heads or chapters contained in the book of Sir Walter Raleigh's voyage to the West Indies, which is offered for the rareness of the matter, and for that few or none (Her Majesty's excepted) hath seen the same. The bearer and author, Mr. Hackluyt, will present the book to Mr. Secretary. Subjoined are particulars of the embassy from the King of Japan to Pope Gregory XIII., with the oration of the ambassador and the answer of the pontiff.

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128. Detailed statement of transactions between Sir John Conway and Mr. Anthony Bowrne, as to pecuniary transactions and liabilities. Claim of Sir John to the guardianship and marriage of the daughter of Mr. Bowrne, by her father's assignment.

129. The amount of such money as Sir John Conway has received and paid for Anthony Bowrne. Offers of Sir John to relieve Mr. Bowrne, and to end all suits and controversies in consideration of the intended alliance of their children.

130. Articles, in Walsyngham's hand, for some secret device to be performed by A. The ambassador to inform A of the great desire B has to serve him. The sum of 500*l.* will be sent to D, and a further sum of 200*l.* by a bill of credit, to be disposed of by A at his own pleasure.

131. Petition of Derricke Derrickson of Bristol, dyer, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires that himself and his wife may be liberated from prison upon sufficient securities being given to answer certain Frenchmen what should be determined by law.

132. Considerations for the erecting a corporation for the sole making of paper in England. Definition of a monopoly. The evil effects of granting a monopoly in the hands of one person, as in the failure of Lord Mountjoy in his device for alum, Remiger in his for paper, &c. Advantages of establishing such a corporation, as is now required. [*In the year* 1587, *a paper bearing the royal arms for a water mark, came into use. A document under the date of* 28*th of June* 1585 *has the same water mark; but that document is only a copy. In* 1588 *and subsequent years the water mark of the royal arms frequently occurs. Such paper may fairly be conjectured of English manufacture, and may have resulted from the proposition in the text, which was probably made in the year* 1586. *The prevailing water mark, however, of Elizabeth's reign was undoubtedly that of the jug or flagon, under various modifications.*]

Grant to W. K. of the offices of Escheator and Feodary of the Crown lands in the duchy of Cornwall, and Constable of Launceston Castle, vacant by the death of H. C., Esq. [*See Warrant Book, I., p.* 132.]

Grant to W. S. and H. F. of the office of Comptroller of the Works in England, the same as T. F., deceased, late had. Latin. [*See Warrant Book, I., p.* 132.]

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A volume containing copies and extracts of treaties, conventions, grants, &c. relating to trade and voyages of discovery from the time of Offa, King of Mercia, to the year 1586. Many are treaties and privileges establishing commercial intercourse between England and Russia. [*This is a transcript made about the year* 1668, *and the whole will be found printed in Hakluyt's voyages.*]

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Jan. 1. 1. Petition of the Merchants Adventurers to Lord Burghley; claiming allowance for the loss sustained by the exchange of the last 10,000*l.* paid to Mr. Hudleston at Middleborough, amounting to 344*l.* 16*s.* sterling.

Jan. 1. 2. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. In behalf of the bearer, John Stone, to prevent the sale of a certain great pan bequeathed to him after the death of Jennet Robert, widow, who now means to part with it.

Jan. 2. Bainard's Castle. 3. Henry Earl of Pembroke to Sir Edward Stradling and William Mathew, relative to the case of one Beere, a pirate. Commends the execution of justice, but censures their manner of proceeding, s disrespectful to himself and injurious to his authority. Proves thir representations to the Council to be dictated by malice.

Jan. 2. Greenwich. 4. Warrant signed by Lord Burghley and Sec. Davison, and addressed to the Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to apprehend certain persons, especially Des Trappes, who are to pass over in the train of M. De Bellievre, the French Ambassador, now returning to France.

Jan. 5. Barnes. 5. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Greatness of the Queen's causes at home and abroad. Dangerous factions have sprung up in the United Provinces against the English Government, where peace would be concluded without Her Majesty, if the treaty were not warily handled. Thanks Burghley for his care of him. He would have given up his suit, but for his advice. The grief of his mind has thrown him into a dangerous disease.

Jan. 6. 6. Sir Chr. Hatton and Sec. Davison to Burghley. They have examined Modye and can draw nothing from him. Suggest that he should be confronted with the other parties.

Jan. 7. 7. Confession of Leonard Des Trappes, concerning the causes of his conspiring with M. De Bellievre, the French Ambassador, and Mr. Stafford, to kill the Queen, and the circumstances of his arrest and imprisonment.

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Jan. 8. Barn Elms. 8. Sir F. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Beseeches him to give ear to Mr. Soothacke, his chaplain, relative to the severe measures of the Vice-Chancellor against Mr. Harryson and others of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Jan. 9. London. 9. Mons. Nau to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his favorable answer to his petition: touching the answering of the money found in his possession. French.

Jan. 9. 10. "Micaell Modye his confession in the afternone the 9 January 1586." Touching his conferences with Des Trappes and the French Ambassador for taking away the life of Queen Elizabeth, either by gunpowder or by poisoning her stirrup or her shoe, or some other Italian device.

Jan. 10. Ely House. 11. Davison to Tho. Phelippes. Has orders from the Queen to send expressly for him. He is therefore to attend without fail and to bring with him the French Ambassador's pacquets to be delivered up to him, first letting Burghley and Davison see them as to the state they are in.

Jan. 10. Greenwich. 12. Wm. Herlle to Burghley. His opinion as to the fleet preparing at Dunkirk, which might be for some dangerous sudden action. Importance of Flushing and other towns in Flanders. Possibility of an attempt to land at Greenwich and seize Her Majesty's person. Defence of the realm. Offer of Christopher Cole to blockade Dunkirk haven with three ships. Necessity for a better understanding with Denmark. The French Ambassador storms wonderfully at the stay of his packet and some of his train.

Jan. 10. 13. Orders and directions given by the Marquis of Winchester and the Earl of Sussex for the defence of the county of Southampton. Musters and training the forces of the shire and provision of money for supply of armour and shot.

Jan. 11. 14. The Countess of Bedford's declaration of the assurances for her jointure; with the answer of the Countess to certain surmises touching the sale of the goods belonging to the late Earl of Bedford at Chenies and Woburn.

Jan. 11. 15. "The true foundation and manner of the horrible treason," or William Stafford's account of his dealings with Mons. Bellievre, the French Ambassador, Des Trappes, his secretary, and one Michael Modye, in a conspiracy to kill Queen Elizabeth. Conferences between Stafford and the Ambassador, Des Trappes introduced by Stafford to Modye in Newgate. Discussion whether to kill the Queen by poison or by laying a train of gunpowder where she lieth. Discovery of the whole plot, by Stafford, to Walsyngham.

Jan. 12. 16. Abstract of the above, with marginal notes in Burghley's hand.

Jan. 12. 17. Notes of the speeches between Mr. Stafford and Des Trappes touching the plot for the murder of the Queen.

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Jan. 11. 18. Notes out of the confessions of Modye and Des Trappes relative to the plot.

Jan. 12. 19. Examination of Henry Wyllyams, servant of Tho. Willoughby, of Chedingston, concerning the unlawful and riotous hunting of deer in Her Majesty's parks at Otford and Knoll in Kent; in which hunting there was one of the hunters slain.

Jan. 14. Ludlow. 20. John Amyas to Walsyngham. Complains that the Lord President of Wales had taken away the seals of office from Secretary Foxe and the fees from Mr. Greville, and had displaced most of the attorneys and officers of the court.

Jan. 14. 21. Interrogatories, in Burghley's hand, for the examination of Des Trappes touching the plot for the murder of the Queen, and for the examination of him out of Modye's confession.

Jan. 14. 22. Translation of the preceding interrogatories in French.

Jan. 14. 23. Notes out of the confession of Des Trappes, relative to the conspiracy to murder Her Majesty.

Jan. 15. London. 24. M. Pena to Walsyngham. Desires him to write to the Lord Treasurer touching the controversy with Mr. Valentine Dale. French.

Jan. 16. Leicester House. 25. Earl of Leycester to Sec. Davison. Desires him to stay the bill for election of Mr. Price to be Sheriff of Brecknockshire.

Jan. 16. 26. Articles to be examined touching Humphrey Gosling's lease of the Covent Garden and the stable adjoining; particularly as to sub-letting part to Lady Stafford.

Jan. 16. Bolder. 27. Robert Jacksoun, Vicar of Bolder, Hants, to Mr. Henry Ughtred. Desires a warrant to apprehend Robert Brincklowe, a plain rogue and papist, lately come into the parish of Bolder.

Jan. 16? 28. Articles exhibited by Robt. Jacksoun, vicar of Bolder, against Robert Brincklowe, who is a very rogue, as plainly may appear by the statute.

Jan. 17. 29. Warrant to the Constables of the Hundred of the New Forest, to bring Robert Jacksoun and Robert Brincklowe before Wm. Whyte, justice of the peace.

Jan. 17. Letleye. 30. Precept from Henry Ughtred to the Constables and Tythingmen of the parish of Bolder for the apprehension of John Selley.

Jan. 17. Penrose. 31. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. Has heard nothing of Mr. Denham. Solicits his advice as to the silver mine at Mr. Penrose's, which yields good quantity of lead ore, and other metal supposed to be tin. Mr. Ric. Penrose will bring him a specimen.

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Jan. 18. 32. Examinations of Henry Wyllyams, servant to Tho. Willoughby, of Boare Place, and of Giles Cocheman, touching the unlawful hunting of deer in Her Majesty's park at Otford, Kent.

Jan. 20. 33. Certificate of the divisions of the county of Norfolk assigned to the several Justices, for supply of the markets with grain.

Jan. 20. Ludlow. 34, 35. Order of Council in the Marches of Wales, limiting the number of attorneys practising in that Court to 18, and their clerks to two each; with the names of the said 18 attorneys. [*Two copies.*]

Jan. 20. 36. Examination of Nicholas Bolton, tythingman of Badsley in the parish of Bolder, taken before Henry Ughtred, as to receipt of a precept for the apprehension of John Selley. Arrest of Robt. Brincklowe at the same time.

Jan. 22. Rockbourne. 37. Francis Keylwey and William Whyte to Henry Ughtred, Esq. Complaining of the vexatious behaviour of Robert Jackson, vicar of Bolder, towards the parishioners and other gentlemen of the country. The warrant for arrest of Robt. Brincklowe supposed to be a forgery.

Jan. 25. 38. Notes, by Lord Burghley, of public business. Matters of the Low Countries. Preparation of a navy. Matters of Ireland.

Jan. 26. Temple Bar. 39. Wm. Herlle to Burghley. Plan for stopping the incursions of the Dunkirkers. Favorable disposition of the King of Denmark. Death of the Duke Adolphus of Holst. Has received orders for the stay of Mr. Standish, of Oxford, with letters to Dr. Allen.

Jan. 27. 40. The opinion of Edw. Baeshe, surveyor-general of the victuals for the sea causes, declaring out of what shires the wheat, malt, oxen, butter, and cheese may be supplied.

Jan. 27. 41. Examinations taken by Jasper Cholmeley and William Necton, upon certain articles exhibited by the Countess of Warwick in behalf of her nephew Edward now Earl of Bedford, the Queen's ward, concerning certain abuses of Humphrey Gosling and his assigns, being lessee for years of the Covent Garden in the parish of St. Martin's. *Annexing,*

41. I. *Articles to be examined concerning the lease made to Humphrey Gosling of the Covent Garden and stables adjoining; granted on lease by the late Earl of Bedford.*

41. II. *The answer of Alice Gosling, widow, to the above articles.*

Jan. 28. Bodmin, Cornwall. 42. The Sheriff and Justices of Cornwall to the Council. They had assembled, and taken order for furnishing the markets with grain. *Inclosing,*

42. I. *Certificate of the Justices of Cornwall, of supply of the markets with grain, prices of corn, &c.*

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Jan. 28. London. 43. Jeffrey Brunen? to Walsyngham. In behalf of the bearer, who had been prevented in his voyage to Spain and Portugal, being refused passage by the merchants.

Jan. 28. Ludlow Castle. 44. Henry Earl of Pembroke, Lord President, to Walsyngham. On examining Lewes Herberte and Langley, the matter does not fall out so ill as was informed. Apprehension of one Powell the principal seminary in Wales, known as the Bishop of Llandaff. Desires directions as to him.

Jan. 29. 45. Estimate of the charge for setting to the seas in warlike manner five of Her Highness's ships, two pinnaces, and seven merchants' ships, for four months.

Jan. 30. 46. Information by the Vicar of Bolder against Robert Brincklowe and John Selley, the tythingman of Pylley. Their arrest and subsequent rescue.

Jan. 31. 47, 48. Estimate of the charge of setting to the seas in warlike manner twelve of Her Majesty's ships and twelve pinnaces, for four months. [*Two papers.*]

Jan. 31. 49. Declaration by Francis Cotton of his receipts and payments from the 18th of April 1586 to the last of January following, for the works at Portsmouth.

Jan. 31. Brewton. 50. Capt. Tho. Owrde [Hourd?] to the Council. Has deferred taking the musters in Wilts till March next. His proceedings in the musters for Somerset, where he found that county excellently furnished.

Jan. 31. Ludlow. 51. Earl of Pembroke to Walsyngham. Report of the landing of the Spaniards at Milford Haven, which turned out to be unfounded. Desires instructions what course he shall take with Powell, the notorious seminary priest.

Jan. 52. Orders for the better increase of learning in the inferior ministers, and for more diligent preaching and catechising. Indorsed, "*Orders for the discipline of the Church.*"

Jan. 53. Information delivered by Geoffrey Glydd against Edward Stephens, deputy searcher of Dover, with a brief of the causes depending in law between Glydd and Stephens.

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Feb. 3. 1. Examination of John Buttoney, of Provence, taken before Sir Warnham Sentleger. His intended departure from England, with letters for the King of Navarre, at Rochelle. His knowledge of Peter Dousset and Denis Daniell.

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Feb. 3. 2. Examination of Peter Dousset, of Geneva, as to his intended departure from England.

Feb. 3. 3. Examination of Denis Daniell of Rouen. The reason of his departure from London to Rye with M. Buttoney and Peter Dousset.

Feb. 3. Norwich. 4. Tho. Pecke, Mayor, and two Aldermen of Norwich to Walsyngham. That they had arrested and examined Harman Coppleman and Peter De Keyser, aliens, both greatly to be suspected. *Inclosing,*

4. I. *Examinations of Peter De Keyser and Harman Coppleman. Coppleman's visit to Lady Stafford's house at Ivy Bridge.*

Feb. 3. 5. Certificate of all the ships, with their names, burdens, captains, and mariners, belonging to the town and port of Sandwich, and its members.

Feb. 4. 6. The Mayor and Jurats of Folkestone to Richard Barrey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle. That they had given order that no vessel should sail on a voyage of more than six weeks. *Inclosing,*

6. I. *A Certificate of all the ships, barks, and other vessels, belonging to the town of Folkestone, with the owners' names, &c.*

Feb. 4. Mortlake. 7. John Grey to Sir John Conway. Is glad of his good health. Has been sued in law by Lord Compton on two obligations. Has paid him 160*l.*, and thereby discharged all Sir John's debts in that quarter.

Feb. 5. 8. Certificate by the Mayor and Jurats of Winchelsea to Lord Cobham. That there were no ships, captains, or mariners, belonging to their town, but only one sailor named Wm. Bucstone.

Feb. 5. 9. Certificate of all the ships, with their names, burdens, captains, and mariners, belonging to the town and port of Hastings.

Feb. 5. 10. Certificate of all the ships, barks, and other vessels, &c., belonging to the town and port of Hythe.

Feb. 5. Greenwich. 11. Charles Lord Howard, Lord High Admiral, to Sir Roger Manwood, Lord Chief Baron. Complains of his authority being called in question about a bond in suit touching one Greame. Desires him to retract it, or he should take such a course as shall displease him as much. Asserts his right to send for any one, even the Chief Baron himself.

Feb. 12. Wadley. 12. Edward Unton to Walsyngham. Information that in the search for Arden and other prisoners, who had escaped, he found in the house of Francis Yeates, of Lyfford, many popish relics and books, and arrested there two of his servants, John Doe and Ric. Buckly.

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Desires directions for preventing the spread of false news as the escape of the Queen of Scots from Fotheringay, &c. *Incloses,*

12. I. *Examinations of John Doe and Richard Buckly, found in the house of Mr. Yeates at Lyfford. Both confess to hearing mass and of being reconciled to Rome when Campion was at Lyfford. Popish relics found in their possession.*

Feb. 6. 13. Examination of William Bellinger, taken before Sir Owyn Hopton. His conversation with Alex. Payne, a goldsmith's boy, near the Tower, about the reported escape of Mary Queen of Scots, of her re-capture, and that she had broken one of her arms. General opinion that she would not be put to death.

Feb. 6. 14. Examination of Alex. Payne, on the report of the escape of the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 6. 15. Certificate from the Mayor and Jurats of New Romney to Lord Cobham. That there are no ships, captains, or mariners belonging to their town.

Feb. 6. 16. Certificate of all the ships, barks, &c., with their names, burdens, and the names of the captains and mariners, belonging to the town of Rye.

Feb. 6. London. 17. Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne to Sir John Conway. Has been so brave as to perform a voyage to London, but dares not show her head, as matters are so vehemently incensed against her. Has been advised to keep out of the way. Has powerful friends and enemies among the nobility, but is greatly bound to Sir Geo. Peckham, Sir James Mervin, and Tom Drury.

Feb. 7. 18. Memorial of public business in Burghley's hand. The Parliament, musters, Ireland; Recusants in certain counties to be restrained.

Feb. 7. Wanstead. 19. Earl of Leycester to Burghley. Considers that he has received hard dealing at his hands in being called upon to deliver a particular account to Her Majesty, and to him, of all the expenditure during his government in the Low Countries, which is more the province of an auditor or clerk than one in his high position. Had given the fullest explanation in his power to Her Majesty. Is grieved to have met with this usage at Burghley's hands, as he had fully reckoned upon his assured love and friendship.

Feb. 7. 20. Copy of the preceding.

Feb. 7. 21. Certificate of the corn presented within Caistor Sessions, in the county of Lincoln, of the number of acres of land sown with grain, and the amount of corn sold to foreigners, yet undelivered.

Feb. 8. 22. Certificate of all ships, barks, &c., with their names, burdens, captains, and mariners, belonging to the town of Lydd.

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Feb. 8? 23. Note of the particular names of the masters and owners of cockboats belonging to the town of Lydd, and of the men which go with them for shares.

Feb. 8. 24. Similar certificate of the ships, &c., belonging to the town and port of Dover.

Feb. 8. 25. Certificate of the names of such persons as have corn and grain within the borough of New Woodstock, co. Oxford.

Feb. 8. 26. Certificate of the names of all the victuallers and innkeepers within the borough of New Woodstock.

Feb. 8. 27. Certificate of the store of grain found and presented by the several juries of the four hundreds and half of the Chilterns within the county of Oxford; taken before John Doyly, Sheriff, and Owyne Oglethorpe, Justice of Peace.

Feb. 10. 28. Tho. Gurlyn to Walsyngham. Complains of the abuses of Walsyngham's Deputies in the North who had uttered hard speeches against his honor, which would come to Her Majesty's hearing. Many look more for their own gain than for Walsyngham's honor.

Feb. 10. 29. Memorial of public business in Burghley's hand, headed "Matters of consultation most necessary to be resolved and executed." Parliament to begin the 15th of February. General musters to be held. Restraint of the Recusants. Defence of the realm. The names of some special persons, Recusants, of value.

Feb. 10. 30. Memorial by the same. "Orders to be observed in all the "Maritime counties, for the strength of the same counties against "any invasion." Musters and defence of the kingdom.

Feb. 10. 31. The Churchwardens and others of St. Andrew's, Holborn. Testimonial of the honest and dutiful behaviour of Alice Manfeilde and Robert Williams, as well towards God as towards their prince and country.

Feb. 11. 32. An estimate of the charge of a galliot to be furnished and prepared for a voyage of service.

Feb. 11. 33. Certificate of Sir Henry Nevill, Wm. Norreys, Ric. Lovelace, Ric. Warde, and Edw. Bacon, Justices of Berkshire, to Christopher Lytcott, high sheriff of the county, of their proceedings in execution of the orders for the relief and stay of the dearth of grain.

Feb. 11. 34. Report by one Hans Frederick, with other merchants of Dantzic, lately come from Portugal, and landed at Plymouth. 300 sail of shipping stayed in certain parts in Spain. Preparations at Lisbon. A ship with 300 brass pieces sent from the Duke of Florence to King Philip.

Feb. 12. London. 35. Richard Saltonstall, Governor of the Merchants Adventurers, to Walsyngham. That the Company were content to buy up the

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white cloths mentioned in the bill of the clothiers; but desire that they may not be constrained upon every light complaint of the clothiers, to the hindrance of their trade.

Feb. 12. 36, 37. Remembrances for the Lords of the Council, from the Marquis of Winchester and the other lieutenant of the shire, relative to the defences of the county of Southampton and town of Portsmouth. Necessity of strengthening the defence of Browne's Down and Stokes Bay, where a thousand ships might lie, and land at one instant 30,000 men. Works at Portsmouth. [*In duplicate, with the part about Portsmouth cut off in one copy.*]

Feb. 12. 38. A memorial for the Lord Treasurer, for the defences of Hampshire and Portsmouth, nearly as above.

Feb. 12. 39. Mr. Baeshe's remembrance to the Lord Treasurer, of the expenditure of the sum imprested to him for victualling the Navy, and desiring a further supply.

Feb. 13. Crediton. 40. George Gale to Lord Ch. Bromley and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Charges against John Easton retainer of Sir John Arundell, for refusing to attend the parish church of Morchard Episcopi and for certain dangerous speeches. Prays that all treacherous practices and wicked conspiracies may evermore be discovered. *Incloses,*

40. I. *The depositions of certain persons against John Easton. His non-attendance at church. His seditious speeches and drinking to the health of King Philip.*

Feb. 13. 41. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley: It appears by the French King's letters that he dealeth honorably and kindly with Her Majesty; and therefore it is expedient the Ambassador were received by degrees into grace. Beseeches Burghley to use all means to remove Her Majesty's heavy displeasure from Mr. Secretary Davidson.

Feb. 15. Oxford. 42. Certificate of the supply of grain in the market towns within the Hundred of Wootton, co. Oxford.

Feb. 16. 43. Proportion of powder, lead, and match to be sent into the Maritime counties, at the rate of one pound each sort per man for six days, and cast-iron ordnance for the said counties.

Feb. 16. 44. Clauses to be added to the orders appointed for putting the forces of the realm in readiness: as to firing the beacons, and repair of the trained bands to certain points in case of alarm.

Feb. 16. 45. Elegy by George Whetstones on "Sir Philip Sydney, his "honorable life, his valiaunt death and true vertues; a perfect "mirror for the followers both of Mars and Mercury, who (in "the right hardie breakinge upon the ennemy by a fewe of the "English, being for the most part gentlemen of honor and name)

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" receaved the deathes wound neere unto Zutphen the 22 of " September last past, died at Arnam the 16 of October following, " and with muche honor and all possible moane was solempnely " buried in Paules the 16 of Februarye 1586.

" Whereunto is adjoyned one other breefe commemoration of " the universall lamentacion, the never dyenge prayse and most " solempne funerall of the saide righte noble and hardy knight: " by B. W., Esquire.

" Dedicated to the right honorable ye Erle of Warwick."

Feb. 17. 46. Power of attorney by John Spencer, haberdasher, to his partner, Robert Kirkeham, to collect and pay all debts due and owing to their estate, during the absence of Spencer in the parts beyond seas.

Feb. 18. 47. Certificate of all hoys, crayers, and other vessels, with their names, burdens, captains and mariners, belonging to the town and liberty of Faversham.

Feb. 18. Rooche Court. 48. Francis Cotton to Lord Burghley. Desires to know what order to take with the laborers, as the works at Portsmonth are now nearly completed. Nearly three months' pay is now due to them.

Feb. 19. 49. Certificate of all the barks and boats appertaining to the town of Brightlingsea.

Feb. 19. 50. The Council to the Lord Lieutenants of Hampshire and Wiltshire. That Her Majesty having had information of a design to surprise the Isle of Wight, had authorized Sir George Carey, captain of the Isle, to take view and muster of the trained bands in certain hundreds of Hampshire, for defence of that Island.

Feb. 19. 51. Additional paragraph to be added to the Council's letter to the Lieutenants of Hampshire, that Sir Geo. Carey, Captain of the Isle of Wight, shall view such men as shall be appointed for defence of that Island.

Feb. 19. 52. The Council to Sir George Carey. Foreign preparations for the surprise of the Isle of Wight. Desires him to muster the forces of certain hundreds in Hampshire, and to appoint captains to command them for the defence of the Island

Feb. 19? 53. Schedule of the Hundreds, co. Southampton, appointed for the relief of the Isle of Wight.

Feb. 19? 54. Schedule of the Hundreds in co. Hampshire, and of the numbers of able men appointed for the relief of Portsmouth; and also for relief and defence of the coasts from Portsmouth to Hamble Ferry.

Feb. 21. Burford. 55. Justices of Peace for the Hundreds of Bampton and Chadlington to John Doylie, Sheriff of Oxfordshire, Certify the supply of grain within those hundreds of Bampton and Chadlington.

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Feb. 21? 56. Certificate of the quantities of corn and grain preserved in the hundreds of Dorchester, Thame, and Bollington, co. Oxford, with the names of the victuallers in the same. Certified by Cromwell Lee and Thomas Norrys.

Feb. 22. 57. Certificate of the Justices of Peace of the Town of Nottingham; of their proceedings for supply of the markets with grain, with names of the bakers, brewers, maltsters, &c., and of the consumption of grain by each. Transmitted to the Council in a cover, being a bond by Richard James to William Brownlowe for the peaceable possession of two gardens or crofts in the town of Nottingham.

Feb 22. 58. Remembrances for the Queen's Majesty and the Privy Council of ordnance, munition, and other things requisite for the fortifications at Portsmouth; and general regulations for defence of the place.

Feb. 22? 59. Heads of instructions to the Lord President of the Principality and Marches of Wales, as to the number of trained men to be raised within the English counties of Hereford, Monmouth, Worcester, and Shropshire.

Feb. 22. 60. The Council to the Earl of Pembroke, Lord President of Wales, and Lieutenant of Somerset and Wilts. Directions to levy and arm a certain number of men within his Presidentship, and in Somerset and Wilts, to be in readiness, upon three days' warning, for service in Ireland.

Feb. 22. 61. Same to the same. To arm and levy 200 men in the county of Somerset, and 100 in Wilts for service in Ireland, and to take care that they may be of bodies for strength and agility meet for such service.

Feb. 22. 62. Note of the number of men to be put in readiness within various counties in England and Wales for Her Majesty's service in Ireland.

Feb. 23. 63. General orders, in Lord Burghley's hand, for putting in strength the power of the realm as well in the Maritime counties as in the Inland.

Feb. 23. 64. Copy of the above, with marginal annotations and corrections.

Feb. 23. 65. Orders for putting in strength the power of the realm in the Maritime counties. Signed by Walsyngham.

Feb. 23. Copy of the above. [*See Warrant Book, I., p.* 91.]

Feb. 23. 66, 67. The Council to the Lieutenants of Counties. Orders for putting in strength the power of the realm in Inland counties. The captains of footmen and horsemen to have every man in readiness before the 20th of March next. The special orders of the year 1585 to be strictly executed. [*In duplicate; one copy signed by Walsyngham.*]

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Feb. 23. Penrose. 68. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. All the men at St. Just's have been fully paid. Pay and charges due at Penrose mine; the men there will work no longer till they are paid. Some of the ore there has been stolen. The lead ore there is so fine some suppose it to be tin. Thanks for the news of London and the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 24. Greenwich. 69. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of the Inland counties. Directions to be given to their deputy lieutenants to carry into immediate execution the preceding orders for the defence of the realm.

Feb. 14? 70. Note of the order of proceeding with the several counties in the musters and training.

Feb. 24. London. 71. Edward Baeshe to Lord Burghley. Sends a note of the expenditure of 5,000*l.* and that he required 4,000*l.* more for the provision of victuals; having been ordered by the Lord Admiral to victual 1,030 men for three months and to revictual 520 men, under Mr. Palmer, for two months. *Incloses,*

71. 1. *Declaration of the expenditure of* 5,000*l.*, *parcel of the warrant of* 12,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, *for victualling the Navy.*

Feb. 25. Newcastle. 72. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriff of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Walsyngham. Desire him to speak to the Council for liberation of 18 of their ships, laden with coal and other merchandise, stayed at Newhaven and other ports of France.

Feb. 26. 73. Lord Burghley to same. Solicits his advice with respect to Robert Lytton's proposed marriage with Mrs. Smith, widow of Smith the mercer.

Feb. 26. Westwood. 74. Arthur Hopton to the Council. His proceeding in executing the orders for supplying the markets within the Hundred of Blithing, co. Suffolk, with grain. Distressed state of the country; upwards of 500 persons are relieved every week by charity.

Feb. 27. Salisbury. 75. Earl of Pembroke to the same. States his objections to the arrangement that Sir Geo. Carey should take the musters and appoint the captains within the hundreds in Wiltshire, selected for the defence of the Isle of Wight.

Feb. 28, 76. Examination of Robert Willyams, *alias* Bricklebanke. The cause of his going over to France under the name of Willyams. Received his passport from Mr. Berden.

Feb. 28. Longdon Hall. 77. Tho. Dabrygecourt, Sheriff of Warwickshire, to the Council. Certifying the order taken by the Justices of Peace for the supply of the markets with corn. *Incloses,*

77. 1. *The certificate of the Justices of Peace within the Hundred of Kington, of their proceeding in executing the orders of Council for the supply of the markets with grain. Signed by Sir Tho. Lucy and Richard Verney.*

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77. II. *Similar certificate for the Hundred of Barlichway; signed by Fowlke Grevyle.*

77. III. *Similar certificate for the Hundred of Hemlingford; signed by several Justices of Peace.*

77. IV. *The orders prescribed by the Justices of Peace in the Hundred of Hemlingford to be observed in all the several parishes and constabularies, for the help and redress of the great prices of corn.*

Feb. 78. Preamble to the bill of Subsidy to be presented by the Parliament to Her Majesty.

Feb. 79. Note of the complete armour remaining in store within Her Majesty's several armories at the Tower, Greenwich, Woolwich, Hampton Court, and Windsor.

Feb. 80. Complaint of Richard Mompesson, Esq., against John Barnes, alehouse keeper at Salisbury, for false swearing in defence of Tho. Mills and Ric. Franeklyn, convicted of coining.

[Feb.] 81. John Clarke, a prisoner, to the Earl of Leycester. Details at great length the seditious and vile speeches of one Fishweek. His plots to burn the Earl of Leycester's house at Wanstead, and to raise a Catholic rebellion. His knowledge of inflammable oils for burning houses; and of the making mortal poison and perfumes, such as Baron Bell experienced at Oxford.

Feb.? 82. Certificate of the names of all and singular the owners and masters of ships, and of such as be both owners and masters, in the county of Norfolk.

Feb.? 83. Similar certificate for the port of Great Yarmouth.

Feb.? 84. The names of upwards of two hundred captains within the realm, fit for service. Indorsed by Queen Elizabeth, "THE NAMES "OF 100 SERVISABLE CAPTAINES." [*The figure* 100 *is visibly a clerical error on the part of the Queen.*]

Feb.? 85. Gilbert Gifford to Henry Willsdon. Has deferred many things in expectation of his messenger. Fears the old serpent has again raised an evil opinion of him. Evil reports are likely to arise either from malice or ignorance in dealing with two parties.

Feb.? Letters to the several shires for certain persons to furnish demi-lances or light horsemen, to be in readiness at an hour's warning. [*Warrant Book, I., p.* 85.]

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March 2. 1. Dr. Bancroft's discourse upon the bill and book exhibited in Parliament by the Puritans, for a further reformation of the Church. Principles of the whole Reformation begun in King Edward's time, and undertaken by Her Majesty.

March 2. 2. Mr. Solicitor's notes touching the bill against pluralities and the Book of Common Prayer, exhibited in Parliament by the Puritans.

March 2. 3. Examinations of Christopher Southworth, fourth son of Sir John Southworth, and John Barton of Barton Hall, Lancaster, Papists. The cause of their going into France, and studying at the college at Douay.

March 2 ? 4. Particulars of the demeanour of John Gardener of Grove Place, Buckingham, committed to the Gatehouse for aiding and sheltering seminary priests, as one Greene, *alias* Strawbridge, and Welldon, *alias* Savell.

March 2. St. Just's. 5. John Otes to Wm. Carnsewe. Discharge of the workmen at St. Just's by Mr. Trevannion and others, and seizure of all the ore there. Requests directions how to act.

March 3. 6. The Attorney-General to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires to know what order shall be taken with the prisoners in the Tower, before the Judges depart on their circuits. Has written to Mr. Windebank touching an omission of the pay for the horsemen.

March 3. London. 7. Earl of Rutland (?) to Sir Anthony Thorold. Desires him with Sir Edw. Dymock, to proceed to execution of the orders for putting in readiness the forces of the Maritime counties. Will send further directions by George Constable, muster-master, for appointment of captains in place of Mr. John Saville, for Horncastle sessions, and Mr. Denzell Holles for Louth sessions.

March 3. 8. Note of matters relating to the musters and defences of the county of Essex to be moved to the Lord Lieutenant by the Deputy Lieutenants there, and recommending Capt. Twittie to be muster-master. Supply of powder and match.

March 4. 9. Address of the Convocation of the province of Canterbury, with the benevolence of the clergy granted to Queen Elizabeth. [*An extract from the Register of Canterbury.*]

10. Copy of the preceding extract.

March 5. 11. The Queen to Lord Chandos, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Gloucester. Directs him to send one thousand of the trained men of Gloucester to the defence of Wales in case of invasion.

March 5. 12. The Council to same. Instructions for the appointment of a thousand chosen men for defence of Milford Haven and the maritime counties of Wales.

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March 5. Loughton. 13. Robert Wrothe to Henry Gray and Sir Tho. Mildmay, Deputy Lieutenants of Essex. Has received their letter of the 3d of March requiring him to muster and certify the number of men with their armour and weapon under his charge, by the 18th of the month, which is but "Scarborough warning" for him. Desires to be relieved from that task as he is a Member of Parliament for a county, and cannot serve in two places.

March 5. Hornden. 14. Edward Ryche to Henry Gray of Pirgo. Has issued a warrant for the arrest of Lawrence Perrye, servant of Mr. Bawde of Curringham, for uttering seditious words. Thinks he may be found at Hogsdon, near London, or in St. Paul's Church. *Incloses,*

14. I. *Examination of John Hamond as to the seditious words of L. Perrye, that the King of Scots was coming to England to revenge the death of his mother.*

March 5. 15. Names of such seminary priests as have been at Sir Tho. Tresham's at Mitcham and with Mr. Talbott since Easter last, as Edmondes the Jesuit, Parry *alias* Morgan, now prisoner in the Clink, and others.

March 6. 16. Memorial of public business, in Lord Burghley's hand. Affairs of the Low Countries. The causes of Ireland. National defences. Musters. Expedition of the Navy to the seas. Restraint of the recusants.

March 6. 17. The request of the Countess of Warwick for a lease of the manors of Moore, Agmondisham, and Wydmer during the minority of the Earl of Bedford. Claim of widow Gosling. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Note of the proceedings between Alice Gosling and Mr. Wilkinson, as to lease of part of Covent Garden. Dangerous assault upon Wilkinson.*

March 7. Neath. 18. Ulricke Frose to Wm. Carnsewe. Detail of proceedings in smelting and refining copper ore at Neath, since his leaving Cornwall. Wishes he could pay them a visit at Neath to see their methods of working. They melt 24 cwt. in seven hours; but they have been greatly hindered for want of a constant supply of ore. Has had news from Cornwall that Mr. Trevanion has discharged all the workmen at St. Just's.

March 8. 19. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of Devon and Cornwall. That Her Majesty had appointed Sir Ric. Greynvile to survey the maritime defences and review the trained bands in Devonshire and Cornwall, for furtherance of which service they are to give instructions accordingly.

March 9. 20. [Gilbert Gifford] to Henry Willsden. Since his last he has retired himself to Rheims. The fact of the Queen of Scot's death has raised many disputes. Will meet a certain person at Paris. Let him be secretly instructed, and not take much with the "old man." [*Several names in this letter are in cipher.*]

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March 10. Sarum (New). 21. Tho. Eyre, Mayor of Salisbury and Gyles Estcourte, to the Council. Report the arrest of Simon Forman, found with a book in his hand containing divers bad and fond prayers and devices. Other books found on searching his house. *Inclosing,*

21. I. *Examination of Simon Forman. Description of his books and papers.*

March 10. Portsmouth. 22. Earl of Sussex to Lord Burghley. Has inspected the fortifications at Portsmouth. Desires that all arrears may be paid up before any new works are commenced. Ordnance, munition, and arms to be immediately sent. Government and defences of the shire. Intends to survey the sea coast, Isle of Hayling, and the landing places. Requests Mr. Bedwell may be presently sent down. *Inclosing,*

22. I., II. *The master carpenter's estimates for construction of the stone wall, eight feet thick, at Portsmouth.* [*Two Papers.*]

22. III. *Note of the pays allowed by the Earl of Sussex, over and besides the ordinary names of the pioneers in the pay books; for the works and garrison at Portsmouth.*

March 11? 23. Map by Richard Popynjay, of the coasts and inland part of Hampshire, from Stokes Bay to Beareforest, Portsmouth Harbour, the Isle of Hayling, and part of the Isle of Wight. Sent by the Earl of Sussex.

March 11? 24. Survey of the landing places on the coast of Hampshire from Portsmouth to Bournemouth; with the numbers of men appointed to guard at particular spots, and names of gentlemen commanding them.

March 11. 25. Articles whereunto all such as are admitted to preach, read, catechize, minister the sacraments, or to execute any other ecclesiastical functions, do agree and consent, and testify the same by subscription of their hands.

March 12. 26. Estimate and demand of Edw. Baeshe for victualling of Her Majesty's whole Navy, according to the book agreed upon by the Lord Admiral and the officers.

March 12. 27. Edw. Baeshe to Lord Burghley. Desires order may be given to Mr. Robert Petre for the payment of 4,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* remaining of the warrant of 12,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for victualling the Navy.

March 13. 28. Same to same. Desires another warrant from Her Majesty for 12,470*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for victualling the Navy, according to the estimate now sent. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Estimate and demand of Edw. Baeshe: duplicate of No.* 26.

March 18. Carisbrook Castle. 29. Sir George Carey to the Council. Denies all intention of altering the choice of any sufficient gentlemen chosen to command the forces raised in the Hundreds of Wiltshire for defence of the Isle of Wight.

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March 14. 30. Licence granted by the Justices of the upper division of the Lath of Sutton-at-Hone to Barth. Jurden to provide grain within the county of Kent, for supply of the town of Greenwich.

March. 14. 31. Similar licence granted to Tho. Blakeley for supply of Greenwich.

March 14. 32. Similar licence granted to Francis Ballard for the town of Greenwich.

March 14. 33. Statement of the sums of money received by Mr. Freke before July 1586, and since, for compositions from the clergy for lances and light horse.

March 14. 34. Account of the issues of a privy seal for 730*l.*, dated 2 June, 1585, for the charges and travel of such captains and others as should be nominated for mustering and training of soldiers in certain counties. Names of the muster masters, and sums issued to them to 14 March 1586–7.

March 16. 35. Commissioners for relief of poor prisoners to the Council. Informing them that Tho. Phillips had contemptuously disobeyed their order in behalf of Solomon Prowte and Tho. Gunnell and others.

March 17. 36. Tho. Cowper, Bishop of Winchester, to Walsyngham. Desires a letter from the Council to authorize Walter Sandes and Wm. Wright to collect the money contributed by the county of Southampton for provision of armour, shot, &c., remaining in the hands of divers Justices of the Peace. *Incloses,*

36. I. *General orders given by the Justices of Hampshire for collecting the money remaining unemployed in the hands of certain Justices and others of that county.*

March 17. Trebigh. 37. John (?) Wrey, Sheriff of Cornwall, to the Council. Great scarcity of grain within the county. Desires order may be taken for the abolition of the toll on grain brought to the markets.

March 17. St. Mary Axe, in London. 38. Sir Wm. FitzWilliams to Mr. Robert Wingfeilde, at Morhaye Lodge. Requests him to take order for prevention of felling the underwood in Her Majesty's woods of Fotheringay; which woods are under his charge.

March 18. Taunton. 39. Justices of Somersetshire to the Council. The county cannot supply arms and armour for the furnishing of the 200 soldiers appointed to be raised in that county for Ireland.

March 18. Gracechurch, London. 40. The Parishioners of Grace-Church to the Council. That they had considered in vestry their lordships' request for the granting of a lease in reversion of Mrs. Morell's house to Walter Heyes, with which they could not comply, as it had already been granted three years ago to John Foote.

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March 18. 41. Notes relative to [Anthony?] Tyrell. His departure from London towards Scotland. He has written 16 sheets of paper, containing an epistle to the Queen, stating all his services. His intention to pass into France, and to publish his recantation.

March 18. 42. Sir George Barne, Lord Mayor of London, to Walsyngham. Has made search, and sent by his son, William Barne, an account of all the malt used by the ale and beer brewers in London. Malt is at present 26*s.* 8*d.* the quarter, and every day increasing in price.

March 18. 43. John Temple, Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, to the Council. Sends certificates of the prices of grain in every hundred. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Certificate of the orders taken by the Justices of Peace for relief of the dearth of grain and supply of the markets within the Three Hundreds of Cotteslow, co. Bucks. Prices of grain in the markets.* 22 *Feb.*

43. II. *Similar certificate for the Three Hundreds of Aylesbury.* 22 *Feb.*

43. III. *Similar certificate for the Three Hundreds of Ashendon.* 24 *Feb.*

43. IV. *Similar certificate for the Three Hundreds of Chiltern.* 24 *Feb.*

43. V. *Similar certificate for the Three Hundreds of Buckingham and Newport.* 11 *March.*

March 18. London. 44. Edw. Baeshe to Lord Burghley. Sends an account of the expenditure of the last 3,000*l.* Desires an order for the remaining 4,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, and to know Her Majesty's resolution for the present year's service. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Statement of the employment of the last* 3,000*l. by Edw. Baeshe, received Feb.* 24, *for victualling the Navy.*

March 19. 45 The charge of the expending of 12,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* of the warrant, for setting to the seas 12 ships and 12 pinnaces for four months.

March 19? 46. W. Sterrell to Mr. Phellippes. Desires to know what resolution he had made with the Earl. He could not write in the same disguise to Fitzherbert unless he sent him his letter. Thinks the Earl should make him a monthly allowance. The Earl is determined to go home as soon as the Parliament is ended, to keep his Easter there.

March 19. 47. The order taken by the Lord Treasurer and Mr. Sec. Walsyngham, by Her Majesty's commandment, between the Earl of Arundell, the Lord William Howard his brother, and Mr. Francis Dacre.

March 19. Woburn. 48. Bridget Countess of Bedford to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the assurances of her jointure made before her marriage with the

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late Earl. She had dealt most honorably towards the creditors of the late Earl, and had not annulled any of the leases or acts made by him. Complains of delay of performance of the covenants of her settlement.

March 20. The Court. 49. Burghley to Walsyngham. Has directed the Undertakers of the attainted lands in Munster to attend him to have his directions for the free exportation of such things to Ireland as may be necessary for their undertaking.

March 20. Exton. 50. The Sheriff of Rutland to Sir Walter Mildmay. Proceedings of the Justices of Peace in the commission for stay of the dearth of corn; certificates of which have been sent.

March 20. Doctors' Commons. 51. Dr. Julius Cæsar and Dr. W. Aubrey to Walsyngham. Certify their opinions touching the suit of William Michelott of St. Maloes. *Inclosing,*

51. 1. *Supplication to be presented by William Michelott to the Queen; arrested at the suit of William Courtney and others for the taking of two ships by five ships of war of St. Maloes.*

March 21. Morhaye Lodge. 52. Robert Wingfield to Sir Wm. Fitzwilliams. Explains the circumstances of cutting the browse wood for the Queen's deer within Earlswood. Great numbers of deer had died the last winter for want of browse wood, which he was justified in providing by virtue of his office of keeper of Morhaye Walk.

March 22. Sudeley. 53. Gyles Lord Chandos to the Council. Desires to know if the 3,000 soldiers, appointed to be put in readiness for defence of the sea coast of Wales, shall include the number of the 2,000 already trained within the county of Gloucester.

March 22. 54. Certificates by the Justices of Peace in the several hundreds in the county of Lancaster, of the quantities of grain and corn to serve the markets and for sale to the poor for seed or sustenance. Certified to John Fletewoode, Esq., sheriff of the county.

March 22. Woodham Mortimer. 55. Arthur Herrys, Sheriff of Essex, to the Council; transmitting a schedule of all the corn and grain in the county, drawn up from the certificates returned to him from the Justices of Peace in their several divisions. Diversities in the particulars of the certificates.

March 23. Ticknell. 56. Earl of Pembroke to Walsyngham. Has sent up James Powell, the seminary priest, and had released Lewes Herbert upon bonds to appear before the Council upon eight days' warning.

March 23. 57. Petition of Thos. Wescott to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Acknowledges his misdemeanors towards his late master, George Smyth, and desires Walsyngham's letters to him and to John Davy, late mayor of Exeter, certifying the same. *Incloses,*

57. 1. *The humble submission of Thos. Wescot, made before Sir F. Walsyngham acknowledging his offences towards his late master Geo. Smyth.*

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March 23. 58. Bill for confirmation of the Act for the better government of the city and borough of Westminster.

March 24. York. 59. The Presidents of the Convocation to the Bishops of Durham, Chester, and Carlisle, for the collection of the subsidy granted by the clergy at the Convocation; and also for a contribution or benevolence unto Her Majesty only.

March 24. Greenwich. 60. Warrant to John Fortescue, Esq., master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Ferdinando Richardson, one gown of damask or satin, guarded with velvet and furred with budge, and other stuffs, for his livery as one of the Grooms of the Chamber.

March 26. Bewdley. 61. Order by the Council of the Marches of Wales, for sorting the records of the Court, the taking of informations, &c. Regulations to be observed by the Remembrancer for the entry of informations.

March 26. 62. Declaration of the Merchants Adventurers made to the Lord of the Council, in answer to the complaints of the clothiers.

March 26. 63. Note how the 16,859*l.* appointed to be received by John Hawkyns, Esq., for the furnishing of Her Majesty's ships, may be expended. Charge of the ships now at sea under Sir F. Drake.

March 27. 64. George Gardiner to Walsyngham. Desires that letters may be written to the Bishop and Dean of Norwich for the speedy collecting of the taxation levied upon the clergy for the furnishing of lances.

March 28. 65. Decree for suspending of Her Majesty's warrant granted to the Lord Treasurer in favor of the merchants of the Stillyard, until such time as the town of Hamburgh shall renew the residency of the Merchants Adventurers.

March 28. 66, 67. Two copies of the preceding.

March 28. Ticknell, near Bewdley. 68. Earl of Pembroke to the Lord Treasurer. Desires Her Majesty's resolution for augmentation of clerks in the court of the Marches of Wales to the number of 40; establishment of the Remembrancer's office, and reversion of the Examiner's office for Mr. Massinger, Mr. Sherar now being sickly.

March 28. Carisbrook Castle. 69. Sir George Carey to the Council. Complains that Sir Henry Knevett and the Earl of Sussex had not obeyed their lordships' directions to assist him in the review of the trained bands of Wiltshire and Hampshire. Requests absolute authority by commission, for performance of the service committed to him.

March 29. Temple Bar. 70. Sir Fr. Walsyngham (?) to the Earl of Warwick. Particulars of the trial of Secretary Davison for transmitting the warrant for execution of Mary Queen of Scots, without sufficient directions from Her Majesty. Substance of the speeches of the several members of the commission on giving their verdict.

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March 29. London. 71. Earl of Rutland(?) to Sir Edw. Dymock and Sir Anth. Thorold. Has sent down George Constable as muster-master. The present orders need not be executed till seed time be passed. Has appointed Valentine Browne and Charles Bowles to be captains of the trained bands, in place of John Savyle and Denzell Holles.

March 29. 72. Same to Val. Browne and Chas. Bowles, appointing them captains of the trained bands in Horncastle and Lowthe sessions, co. Lincoln.

March 29. St. Maloes. 73. Roger Ashton to Lady Elizabeth Stanley. Sir Wm. Stanley is in good health and favor, and after delivering Deventer up to Parma, he gave Ashton 200*l.* to hire a ship to fetch her and her family from Ireland. Hearing of her arrest, he refrained from so doing. Supposes the Queen will soon permit her to join her husband. Advises her to make friends with Mr. Thomas Jenison, the auditor. The King of Spain has 100,000 men and victuals in readiness at Lisbon; what will follow God knows.

March 30. 74. Mr. Freke's account of the money received from the Clergy and Recusants, for the furnishing of lances and light horse.

March. 75. The points of the directions given to the Lords Lieutenants of the Maritime counties.

March. 76. Abstract of the certificates of Lords Lieutenants of the Maritime counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset.

[March ?] 77. Brief estimate of the charges for furnishing and setting to the seas 24 of Her Majesty's ships, whereto is to be appointed 6,200 men.

[March ?] 78. Particulars of fees payable to the Clerks of the Signet, in the Marches of Wales. Grant of the office of Clerk of the Signet, in reversion, to Mr. Greville, 19th February, 1577.

March. 79. Clause to be added to the covenant between the Earl of Leicester and the merchants trading to Venice and Candia, relative to the importation of wines, according to the letters patent granted to Thomas Cordell and others, on the 17th of April, in the 25th year of Her Majesty's reign.

March ? 80. Particulars of deeds, leases, &c., of the lands of Hooknorton assigned to the use of Lady Croker, and other evidences in the suit between John Croker, son of Sir Gerard Croker, deceased, and Richard Lee, late husband of the Lady Croker.

March ? 81. Statement by Richard Lee of the state of the case between him and Mr. Croker. Neglect of Croker to name arbitrators.

March ? 82. Further statement of the matter between John Croker and Richard Lee, for the rents of Hooknorton. Sir Henry Lee's answers. Debts and legacies by Sir Gerard Croker.

March ? 83. Points in the case between Croker and Lee. Denial of any conveyance by the late Sir Gerard Croker to Goodwin and Hogan.

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March? 84. Request by Sir Henry Lee to be indemnified against the bond to pay Mrs. Fisher 100*l.* per annum for her life in lieu of jointure.

March? 85. A paper, indorsed "*Cuthbert Bewick's reasons against the Cross,*" being the heads and arguments against the use of the cross in baptism, &c. with marginal notes confuting them.

March. 86. Tho. Barnes' confession. His proceeding with his cousin Gilbert in the conveying letters from him and Morgan to the Queen of Scots; making of secret alphabets, &c. Never heard mention of Geo. Gifforde, and of those who have suffered; he only knew Savage and Charnocke.

March? 87. The names of Her Majesty's castles in North and South Wales.

March? 88. A book of the Queen's ships and their tonnage, with the number of mariners, gunners, and soldiers to serve in them, together with the charge of the first month's victuals.

March? 89. Requisition by Sir Geo. Carey (?) for licence to import grain for defence and victualling the forts in the Isle of Wight, and to export such quantities from time to time as he shall see fit.

March? 90. Abstract of sundry licences for transporting of grain granted by the Queen to divers towns and persons, upon less causes of consideration than are stated in the preceding.

March? 91. Note of certain Priests and Recusants imprisoned in Wisbeach Castle, with personal notices of each. Dr. Bagshawe a most dangerous man. Leonard Hide a most dangerous and presumptuous priest. Francis Tillottson, an amorous priest, making much of Catholics' wives. Thomas Pounde, a layman, a very obstinate man, &c.

March 92. Notes on miscellaneous subjects, by Lord Burghley, as—epithets for wicked men, malicious, spiteful, cursed, &c.,—good laws made in the Queen's time; attainder of Lord Paget and Sir Francis Englefyld.

March? 93. Lord Burghley to the Deputy Lieutenants of . Directions have been given for a new view and muster of all the forces of the realm both horse and foot. Slackness in their former certificates. Urges them to make their next certificates rather before the time than after.

March? 94. Advertisements sent by Sir John Gilberte touching the preparations in Spain. Report that Sir Fr. Drake had taken St. Jago. A great fleet intended for the West Indies were all stayed for fear of Drake. The English merchants in Spain were allowed their liberty, but the masters of ships and mariners were kept close prisoners. Great want of mariners in Spain.

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March ? 95. Statement of the reasons why Mr. William Huntley [Dr. Gifford] cannot presently repair into England, as it might offend Dr. Allen, who had ordered him to stay at Rheims. His desire to meet and confer with Jaques Colerdin [Gilbert Gifford], at Rouen, according to Mr. Secretary's direction. Aliases to be adopted by certain priests, viz. Edw. Gratley to be called *John Foxley;* Gilbert Gifford, *Jaques Colerdin;* Dr. Gifford, *William Huntley;* and Mr. Aldred, *John Eggerton.*

March ? 96. Tho. Phelippes to ℣ [Gilbert Gifford]. His remove from Paris and uncertainty of return has been the cause of interruption. Acknowledges letters, one of which he could not read, for that either the paper was "alloyme" [alumy] or that he had negligently blotted it. He misses many letters of importance. The Queen and Sec. Walsyngham are assured of his loyal attention and have promised him a pension of 100*l.* a year. Frequent intelligence is expected from him, as upon the late accident of the Queen of Scots' death, arrival of disaffected persons from England or Scotland, &c. Notes of information; intention to kill the Queen or the Earl of Leicester. [*Many notices of Gilbert Gifford's secret employment in France at this period, and in the following year, will be found in the French Correspondence.*]

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April 1. The Dreadnaught. 1. Capt. Thos. Fenner to Walsyngham. Assembly of the whole fleet at Plymouth under Sir Fr. Drake, well victualled. The general does all he can to hasten the service, and sticketh at no charge to further the same, and layeth out great store of money to soldiers and mariners, to stir up their minds. Names of all the ships now in Plymouth Sound, in number twenty-three.

April 2. On board the Elizabeth Bonaventure. 2. Sir Fr. Drake to Walsyngham. They had been joined by some other ships of the London fleet. There never was in any fleet more likelihood of a loving agreement. The captains appointed to serve with him are discreet, honest, and most sufficient gentlemen. Some men have deserted within the last two days. Desires his good opinion through all reports, not only of himself, but of all joined with him in this action. Hopes the enemy will have cause to say that God doth fight for Her Majesty as well abroad as at home.

April 2. 3. Hugh Offley to same. Has received his letter to him and Mr. John Bodleigh. Desires further time to consider with the clothiers of a good place for the venting of their goods. Names of merchants to be consulted.

April 5. Wrest. 4. Henry Earl of Kent to the Council. Proceedings in his commission of lieutenancy for Bedfordshire. Names of the gentlemen

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chosen as officers for the field. The Justices of Peace desire to be excused from the finding of petronels. The county is not able to furnish the 1,000 men required, but offer to furnish 400 footmen and 60 horse.

April 6. Bath. 5. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. In favour of Count Culenbourge. Great decay of trade, and distress in the country. Bristol, Hampton, and other of the best towns are fast falling to decay. Measures must be taken for the revival of trade. Great credit is due to the clothiers, who keep many of the poor on work, to their own loss.

April 6. Greenwich. 6. Charles Lord Howard to Burghley. The charges of the Navy grow very great. Desires payment of 2,000*l.* to Mr. Hawkyns. Has given order for a great quantity of cordage and canvas.

April 6. 7. Memorial of things resolved on in Council touching depredations committed against French and English merchants. Directions to the Judge of the Admiralty in causes of piracy and detention. Letters to be written to Sir Ric. Greynvile.

April 6. 8, 9. Survey of the Dikes about the works and fortifications now in hand on the north side of the town of Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

April 6. 10. Richard Charnock, Sheriff of Bedfordshire, to the Council. Sends certificates of the Justices for the stay of the dearth of grain. *Incloses,*

10. 1. *Certificate by Ralph Astry, Richard Conquest, and Chr. Hoddesdon, of rates and orders for provision of grain and relief of the poor within the three Hundreds of Manshed, Flett, and Redbornestoke.* 15*th February.*

April 6. Bath. 11. Earl of Leicester to Lord Burghley. The Earl of Warwick and Sir Wm. Pelham have received benefit from the waters of Bath. Leicester himself cannot yet say any good of it; he is always worse the day he goes into the bath. Great decay of the towns and distress of the people from want of work.

April 7. London. 12. Sir Tho. Pullyson, John Bodleigh, and Hugh Offley to Walsyngham. Their opinions concerning some meet place for vent of the northern and western cloths in the parts beyond seas. Recommend Guernsey and Jersey for that purpose.

April 7. Portsmouth. 13. Earl of Sussex to Burghley. Report on the progress of the works at Portsmouth. 400*l.* sent to Mr. Cotton out of the new warrant. Report, by a Frenchman arrived from Rouen and Newhaven, that the King of Spain was making a huge army for England, but they were not yet ready. Desires that the artificers may be sent to complete the works at Portsmouth.

April 8. Portsmouth. 14. Same to Walsyngham. Desires to purchase the two leases of the farm and lands called Morralls. Requests that the artificers of

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the Tower may be sent down to Portsmouth. Spanish preparations. The vicarage of Tichfield is vacant, and in Burghley's gift, by the minority of the Earl of Southampton.

April 8. 15. John Popham, Att. General, to Walsyngham. Has dealt with Mr. Webbe touching the venting of cloths, and opening a trade to Muscovy. The trade to Turkey to be encouraged. The action for Ireland is so discouraged, that if he does not take a journey westward he fears it will be much quailed.

April 8. 16. Certificate of Nathaniel Bacon, High Sheriff of Norfolk, touching the proceedings of the Justices for relief of the scarcity of grain. General abstract of the returns from the several hundreds and market towns, with the prices of grain.

April 9. 17. The Council to Sir Fr. Drake. Causes of setting out the fleet under his command. Information that the preparations of the King of Spain were not so great. Overtures from King Philip for settling the differences between the two kingdoms; and therefore Her Majesty desires Drake to confine his operations to the capture of ships on the open sea, and to forbear entering any of the ports or havens of Spain, or to do any act of hostility on land.

April 10. Colt's Hall. 18. George Colt, Sheriff of Suffolk, to the Council. Transmits certificates from the Justices of Peace for stay of the dearth of corn. *Incloses,*

18. I. *Certificate made by Arthur Hopton, Bassingborne Gawdy, and Tho. Colby, of the grain remaining in the Hundreds of Wangford, Mutford, and Lothingland, in Suffolk.* 18 *Feb.*

18. II. *Certificate of corn in the Hundreds of Hoxne and Hartismere, with the prices of the same; signed by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Bassyngborne Gawdy, and John Thruston.* 21 *Feb.*

18. III. *Certificate by the Justices of Peace within the franchise of Bury of the prices of grain during the month past in the several market towns.* 27 *March.*

April 10? 19. The Council of the Marches of Wales to Lord Chanc. Bromley. Detail of the case of William Mathew, a justice of peace, accused of murder, who had refused to appear on alleged ill health, but who had immediately gone off to London to avoid the due course of justice, and had insinuated partiality against the Lord President. *Inclosing,*

19. I. *Information by the Queen's Attorney of the Court of Wales against William Mathew and others, accused of the murder of Roger Phillips at Cardiff fair. March* 10?

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19. II. *Wm. Mathew to the Lord President and Council. Excuses himself, on account of ill health, from personally appearing to answer the information of the Queen's Attorney. Cardiff, March* 11.

19. III. *Deposition of William John; that Wm. Mathew was not able to appear before the Court without peril and danger of his life. March* 17.

April 10. 20. Elizabeth Lady Cobham to Burghley. Offers her services and friendship. Her Majesty continues discontented, and settleth herself to wear mourning garments. Desires his speedy return to the Court.

April 12. 21. Lord Burghley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends him a packet of papers received from the Earl of Leicester, amongst them a memorial from Mr. Wylkes to the States General, complaining of the offences committed by them against the Earl's authority. The Earl's return is both generally desired and thought necessary. Imagines the Queen has some further intention, to Burghley's misliking, and requests him to let him know the worst. Desires to know her intention as to the Chancellorship.

April 12. 22. Capt. Hubberde to Walsyngham (?). News by a ship lately come from Spain, that a hundred sail of ships were ready to start for England or Ireland.

April 14. 23. Loys Ramon (or Raymond), a French refugee, to Walsyngham. Desires him to present his petition to the Council, and to favor his suit for the execution of justice. French. *Incloses,*

23. I. *Petition of Lewis Raymond to the Council, praying that the controversy between him and Nicasius De Glas, for a matter of debt, may be committed to two men of their own nation.*

April 15. 24. Details of the manner of proceeding in Commission of Oyer and Terminer in Wales, with the fruits and commodities it carrieth.

April 16. 25. Report on the case between René Tardiff, merchant stranger, and John Saunders, one of Her Majesty's waiters, as to the seizure and payment of customs on certain new devised silk called "plushes."

April 16. 26, 27. State of the whole case between John Saunders, plaintiff, on the information in the Exchequer, and René Tardiff. Drawn out of the whole course of the proceedings by William Daniell. [*Two copies.*]

April 16. 28. Examination of Mary Cocker, wife of Robert Cocker, of Braughing, co. Hertford, taken before Tho. Sadleir and Tho. Leventhorp, justices of the peace, touching a vision or ghost that appeared

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to her in the night season, and warned her to tell the Queen that there was a jewel in making for her which if she received would be her destruction.

April 16. 29. Petition of William Roch and John Pettye to the Council. That Evangelist Constantyne, of meer obstinacy, refused to pay the 200*l.* as ordered by their Lordships. They desire, therefore, that certain ordnance belonging to him at Ilfordcoome may be sold for the payment of the same.

April 16. 30. Petition of Alice Smalwood to the Council, against the Bishop of Chester and others. Desires their Lordships' letters to Mr. Brook and the Bishop, that they shall not proceed against her at common law, as she might be put out of possession.

April 16. Carnarvon. 31. William Gruffythe to Archbishop Whytgift. Informs him of the secret meeting of priests at a hidden place in the county of Carnarvon; in a cave by the seaside about three fathoms deep, the haunt of Recusants, Seminaries, and Jesuits.

April 20? 32. Arthur Massinger to Walsyngham (?). Particulars of the case of William Mathew, who declined appearing before the court of the Marches of Wales, to answer a charge of murder, on the plea of sickness, and had procured a person to make a statement on oath to that effect. Refers to the letter of the Council of Wales to the late Lord Chancellor.

April 20. Basing. 33. Marquis of Winchester to the Council. The Deputy Lieutenants for Dorsetshire have required a supply of ordnance and munition for the better strengthening of the defences of the sea-coast. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset to the Lord Lieutenant. Observations on the defenceless state of the coasts, and facilities for the landing of an enemy. Places meet to be fortified. The chief strength of the county consists of archers and bowmen, of whom they have requested Mr. Howard to inure and train two or three hundred of them. Basing, April* 10.

33. II. *Note of munition and ordnance required to fortify the most exposed landing places on the coast of Dorset and Portland Road.*

April 20. 34. Account of the quantities of provisions provided by Mr. Baeshe for victualling the Navy.

April 20. 35. Estimate or declaration of Edw. Baeshe touching the employment of the warrant of 12,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, for the victualling of Her Majesty's ships.

April 22. 36. Examination of Edw. Campion, taken the 22nd of April. Confesses that he was born at Ludlow; was brought up at Jesus College, Oxford, and is now a Catholic priest. Denies the Queen's supremacy.

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April 22. 37, 38. Brief abstract of the charges of the works of fortification at Portsmouth, for the month ending April 22, 1587. [*In duplicate.*]

[April 22.] 39. Necessaries appertaining for fireworks, and now wanting in Portsmouth.

April 23. Caresbrook Castle. 40. Sir George Carey to the Council. His proceedings in the musters and survey of the trained bands of the county of Southampton, appointed for defence of the Isle of Wight. Suggestions as to the mode of appointing the captains of the trained bands. *Incloses,*

40. I. *Certificate of the Hundreds appointed for the relief of the Isle of Wight, containing the number of men and their furniture of arms.*

April 23. Caresbrook Castle. 41. Same to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His proceedings in the musters mis-reported by Sir Henry Knevette. His proceedings as to the trained bands appointed for the defence of the Wight. Has been unable to obtain an audience of the Marquis of Winchester The parsonage of Freshwater vacant by the death of Parson Kempe: the place is fit for Mr. Browne, Mr. Edes, or some good preacher.

April [23]. 42. Names of the Sovereigns and Noblemen elected into the Order of the Garter, from the 12th to the 29th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth; with the names of those Knights who acted as the Sovereign's Lieutenant in each year.

April 25. The Court. 43. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to the Lord President of Wales. Signifies Her Majesty's pleasure that he should not trouble Mr. Mathewe or his friends, on account of actions determined in his predecessor's time. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Substance of Mr. Mathewe's complaint against the Lord President of Wales.*

April 26. 44. H to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements of Papists of the North. Has brought Mr. Wharton, a kinsman of Lord Wharton, to London, who is a great practiser in the designs of the Papists. This man, John Taylour of Newcastle, John Gastell, and others, are the men that carry on correspondence between the Papists in England and those beyond seas. All the Papists are of opinion that the course taken by the Queen against Mr. Davison is to convey herself in a cloud.

April 27. St. Stephen's, Canterbury. 45. Sir Roger Manwood, Lord Chief Baron, to same. The Romish priest William Chadock states that his fellow stayed at Sittingbourne (calling himself Campion), is beyond sea called Edwards. Has sent Chadock up to be further examined and tried at Newgate.

April 27. On board the Elizabeth Bonadventure. 46. Sir Francis Drake to same. Adventures on their voyage from Plymouth to the Road of Cadiz, where they sunk 33 ships preparing for England; burnt one of 1,500 tons belonging to the Marquis of Santa Cruce, and brought away four laden with pro-

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visions. Great preparations made by King Philip for the invasion of England. Intends, by God's help, to intercept their supplies.—P.S. Urges England to be prepared strongly, and most of all by sea. Stop him now, and stop him ever.

April 27. Elizabeth Bonadventure. 47. Drake to Mr. Secretary Wolley. Narrates their success in Cadiz Road over the Spanish galleys. Intends to intercept the fleet coming out of the Straits before it joins the King's forces. Great preparations are making for the invasion of England, but what has been performed will breed great alterations. Urges him to prepare for the worst.

April 26. [Paris.] 48. ℣ [Gilbert Gifford] to Phelippes (?). Has, according to his wishes, repaired to Paris. Wishes to settle with Mr. Waad for some mode of correspondence. The "Old Man" is not now to be depended on, nor the English Ambassador. Transactions between Dr. Gifford, Nau, and Throgmorton. Morgan is labouring with Cordaillot. Allen, Parsons, Owen, and other, lend all their force for the King of Spain, and Don Bernadino openly calls him King of England. Morgan intendeth a seminary in Scotland, &c. [*A great part in cypher.*]

April 27. 49. Copy and decypher of the above, by Phelippes, or of some letter of the same date, to some other person, containing other passages than in the above.

April ? 50. Another decypher, by Phelippes, containing many passages of the above. Has talked much with Morgan, who greatly desires to continue for the King of Scots that which he had begun for the the mother. Division between him and Dr. Allen. Morgan intends to found a seminary in Scotland, whereof Dr. Gifford should be Principal. Wants an apt correspondent for Rome, &c.

April 28. 51. William Mathew to Lord Burghley. Describes the lamentable state of Wales through the misgovernment of the Lord President and Council. A temperate, prudent, and learned judge is required, not a great and mighty lord to terrify. Evil effects of the Commission of Oyer and Terminer. *Incloses,*

51. I. *The manner of proceeding in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer, with the effects it "worketh."* [*Similar in substance to the paper of April* 15.]

April 28. 52. Certificate of the Justices of Peace, directed to John Fleetwood, now Sheriff of Lancaster, of the order taken for stay of the dearth of grain in the hundred of Blackburn, Lancaster.

April 28. 53. Petition of the Flemish Merchants to the Council. Praying that sentence may be stayed in the Court of Exchequer in the suit of Edward Bodye, an informer, against Charles Van Peene, a Flemish merchant, for bringing pins into England from the Netherlands.

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April 28. Greenwich. 54. The Council to the Court of Exchequer. Directions to stay the suit against Charles Van Peene, for importing pins from the Low Countries.

April 29. 55. Certificate by John Cottesforde of the quantities of Gloucester, Wiltshire, and Somersetshire cloths brought to Blackwell Hall in the week ending 29 April 1587.

April 30. 56. Rafe Lane to Burghley. Proofs, by particular demonstration, that the plan presented to Her Majesty for the defence of the coast, by the erection of sconces or ramparts along the whole line of coast accessible to an enemy, could be completed in 31 days.

April 30. On board the Lion, off Cape St. Vincent. 57. Capt. Wm. Burroughs to Sir Fr. Drake. Disapproves of his manner of holding a council of war, which was chiefly to declare his own previous resolution without consulting his officers. Complains of personal neglect, and that he was acting contrary to his instructions. Danger of making a landing for the surprise of the Castle of Cape Saker. Strongly protests against making such an attempt.

April 30. Off Dunkirk Haven. 58. Henry Palmer to Walsyngham. Has been informed by Sir Edw. Stafford that the French King was about to send 600 soldiers for the defence of Boulogne and Calais. Hopes to intercept the Dunkirkers on their return. Has sent several ships into the Thames laden with corn, for the relief of the poor.

April 30. 59. Names of many gentlemen, recusants and others, bound by recognizance to appear or to answer, under various conditions.

April. 60. Deposition of Hugh Catlyn (?), of Hammersmith. Protests that he earnestly embraced the established religion. Knows no harbourer of Jesuits or seminary priests, but one Sharpe, a singing man of St. Paul's, who received into his house Mr. Martyn of Suffolk, two gentlemen of Kent named Greene, and Mrs. Snatchpoole. Is acquainted with one Worrall.

April. 61. Abstract of the certificates of the money assessed upon the Recusants; distinguishing the amount charged, the sums received, and the excuses for non-payment.

April. Sheldisley. 62. Francis Walshe to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Answers to the complaint of the now Bishop of Hereford [Westfaling] as to possession of the house and demesnes of Whitborne, which the Bishop pretended Walshe did wrongfully hold from him in the right of Sylvanus Scorye, his son-in-law, the son of the late Bishop.

April? 63. Suit of Robert Beale, Clerk of the Council, to the Queen. Solicits a grant of 60*l.* a year for 30 or 40 years, in consideration of his poverty and services; or leave to resign and serve in some other place; for being in debt he is not able to continue in it any longer. [*On the 7th of May* 1587 *Daniel Rogers was sworn Clerk of the Council, probably in the place of Beale, in whose hand that minute of Council is entered.*]

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April ? 64. The names of the captains who have the charge of the 6,000 footmen furnished by the county of York, with the number of men appointed to every captain.

April ? 65. ℣ [Gilbert Gifford] to . His arrival in this town on the 20th April. In his way from Rheims he met with Woolseley. Has had an ample conference with Morgan, who said he never would forsake the King of Scots: discourse thereon. Dream of Pope Sixtus V. that Pope Gregory XIII. had appeared to him and talked with him a whole hour. Masses to be said for Pope Gregory's soul, for it seems he was not yet out of Purgatory. Cannot write anything of importance, as all parties are yet in a gaze about the late accident in England.

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May 1. 1. Note of such sums of money as have been paid by Mr. John Hawkyns to the late Edward Baeshe, deceased, surveyor general, for victualling the Navy, from December 31, 1586, to May 1, 1587.

May 1. 2. Lord Cobham to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends the bearer, Richard Barkeley, a person well acquainted with divers Jesuits and Seminary Priests. Requests him to send a letter to the Mayor of Rye; and also to peruse Sir James Hales's letter.

May 5. 3. Lord Burghley to same. Requires the Queen's signature to the grant of Edward Jones's lands and goods to the Earl of Oxford. His daughter's affliction, whom her husband had much troubled with words of reproach of Burghley to her. Did as much as he could to comfort her, she being great with child. No enemy he has can envy this match. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *The Queen's Majesty's title to the lands called Penley in the county of Flint, late part of the possessions of Edw. Jones, attainted.*

May 6. 4, 5. An estimate of the expense of 266 men and officers for 14 days, from April 20 to May 6, to be extended to May 20, for the works at Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

May 8. 6. Proposals for the improvement of the cloth trade and for amending the charter of the Merchant Adventurers.

May 8. 7. The Merchant Adventurers to the Council. Touching their receiving of 40 new merchants into their company, and the improving of the market for cloth.

May 9. 8, 9. Articles and orders set down and appointed by the Earl of Sussex, to be observed and kept for the payment of money granted for the works at Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

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May 10. 10. Note and value of the goods and merchandise stayed in Brittany and in France since the 10th of January last.

May 10. 11. T. Nauris to ———. Exhorts him to patience. Desires him to learn what had become of Lord Pagett's son and if Her Majesty had allowed anything for his maintenance. The death of the Queen of Scots was hated and detested of all honest men, and the King of Scots took it grievously to heart. French news. An abbey granted to Dr. Allen by the King of Spain. Great preparations in Spain.

May 10. 12. An Account of the expenditure of the sum of 12,512*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* received by the late Mr. Baeshe for victualling Her Majesty's navy. Victualling the fleet under Sir Fr. Drake.

May 10. 13. Note of the Somerset, Gloucester, and Wiltshire cloths brought and sold in Blackwell Hall; with memoranda relating to the cloth trade, in Lord Burghley's hand.

May 12. 14. The names of the seaport towns of the several countries abroad resorted to by merchants, and the commodities exported from each.

May 12. 15. Lord Burghley to Lord Chancellor Hatton. His pains are such that he cannot attend him in the Star Chamber, nor stir out of his bed. Reviews the state of the English trade in cloths to Spain, France, Portugal, Barbary, Flanders, Hamburg, and the States. Policy of the King of Spain; to be met by keeping him from supplies of victuals, and to withstand his enterprise against our friends till next harvest. Remedies for restoration of foreign trade by renewal of the liberties of the Merchants of the Stillyard. The Merchant Adventurers to be warned to deal more liberally with the clothiers.

May 13. 16. Same to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for his diligence in obtaining the grant of Jones's lands to the Earl of Oxford, for the benefit of his children, being three daughters, to be seen and pitied. Other family affairs. Has had grievous anguish this night by a sharp ague, and a head unfit for anything but melancholy cogitations.

May 14. The Court. 17. Walsyngham to Burghley. The Queen approves of his proposals for the relief of the clothiers by the restoration of the liberties of the Merchants of the Stillyard, and that the same should be notified by proclamation. Her Majesty is unwilling to grant a loan to the Merchants Adventurers.

May 14. 18. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Thinks the remedies proposed in his letter to the Chancellor, for relief of the clothiers, had been full highly valued by Her Majesty. Objections against the issuing of a proclamation. Some consideration must be had for the Merchants Adventurers. If he has written evil, a sick head and stomach is the cause.

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May 15. 19. Note of the Resolutions taken at the Lord Treasurer's house for facilitating the exportation of cloths: corrected by Walsyngham.

May 15. 20. Another copy of the above, with emendations by Walsyngham.

May 15. 21. Fair copy of the above.

May 15? 22. Note of such things as are to pass by Her Majesty's warrant to the Lord Treasurer. English merchants, not free of the Company of Merchants Adventurers, shall be permitted to carry cloths into Germany, paying the ordinary customs.

May 16. 23. The Master Carpenter's estimate of the charge for constructing the gates and drawbridges at Portsmouth.

May 16. Wingfeld. 24. Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Sends the examinations of Lancelot Blackburne, suspected to be a seminary priest; and desires to know if he shall be sent up to London, or remain in the country to take his trial. Has been with the Countess of Shrewsbury at Wingfeld, according to Her Majesty's request. *Incloses,*

24. I. *The examination of Lancelot Blackburne, taken May 4 at Myrcaston, co. Derby, before Tho. Knyveton. Has been a schoolmaster in Yorkshire. Is a priest, and has been steward at Douay College.*

24. II. *The examination of Lancelot Blackburne, taken at Wingfeld, May 15, before the Earl of Shrewsbury.*

May 17. 25–30. Notes of the state of the cloth market, and the quantities of cloths received into the store of the Merchants Adventurers to the 13th of May. [*Six papers.*]

May 17. London. 31. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London to the Council. Their opinions on the proposed free admission of all foreigners and strangers to the cloth market within the liberties of the city. They consider the measure as detrimental to the interests of the city and people, but submit to Her Majesty's pleasure. Desire time to consult with the Common Council.

May 17. London. 32. Lord Chancellor Hatton to Walsyngham. Has had an answer delivered to him by Sir Rowland Hayward and Sir Edw. Osborne in the matter of buying and selling cloths in Blackwell Hall by strangers. The Common Council of London crave to be excused from complying therewith, as an infringement of the liberties of the city.

May 17. Off Cape Saker. 33. Sir Fr. Drake to same. They have had many combats with the Spaniards, and taken forts, ships, barks, carvels, and divers other vessels, more than a hundred, of great value. Effect of these losses on the Spanish people. They have always treated the Portuguese with kindness; the policy of so doing. The Spanish authorities refused to deliver up any English subjects they had in prison in exchange for Spanish prisoners, whom they had therefore

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determined to sell to the Moors. God make us all thankful that Her Majesty sent out these few ships in time. There must be a beginning of any great actions, but the continuing to the end yields the true glory.

May 17. On board the Dreadnought. 34–35. Capt. Thos. Fenner to Walsyngham. Detail of operations on the coast of Spain. Two ships taken off Cape St. Vincent. Capture of the castles at Cape Saker and Cape St. Vincent; 47 ships and boats taken and destroyed. The Marquis of Santa Croce was near them with seven galleys, but would not attack them. Twelve of Her Majesty's ships were a match for all the galleys in the King of Spain's dominions. [*Two papers, original and copy.*]

May 20. Newcastle. 36. Henry Anderson to same. Thanks for procuring him the licence for lead and coals, although he had been much hindered by the Dunkirkers.

May 20. Nonsuch. 37. Lord Chanc. Hatton to Burghley. The Queen desires him to take care that the markets on the Continent were not glutted with English cloths, on account of the new liberties granted to the merchants. The customs for cloths must continue to be paid in the port of London.

May 20. Elizabeth, Bonadventure. 38. Drake to Walsyngham. Sends letters by a flyboat of Dunkirk taken on the 1st of May. Has also sent home a ship of St. Maloe's, and two flyboats with their sick.

May 21. 39. Fragment containing the date of a letter or grant from the queen, dated at Nonsuch.

May 22. 40. Burghley to Walsyngham. Returns certain letters. Tyrrell's departure towards Amsterdam. Warrant to be signed for the relief of the clothiers. Desires him not to neglect the Duchy [of Lancaster] matter, in which he is inclined to favor Sir Amyas Poulet. The Earl of Leicester prepares to take the command in the Low Countries. Disapproves of the Earl of Lincoln being lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Burghley's native county. Stay of the Staplers' fleet for Hamburg.

May 23. London 41. Lord Burghley and others, overseers of the will of the late Earl of Rutland, to John the present Earl. Right of the Countess, his sister-in-law, to the castle and demesne of Newark, bequeathed by the Earl to her, so long as she continued unmarried. They require therefore, that she be permitted to have the quiet possession of that estate and property.

May 25. 42. ℣. to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Promises to communicate any intelligence he may receive from Dr. Gifford. Particulars of Owen and Allen. Rage of Don Bernardino against Lord Paget, Charles Paget, and that party, for their affection to the King of Scots. Parma and Don Bernardino could not agree upon any course of action. The Queen-Mother had not on the 22nd of May arrived at Rheims, where all the League had assembled. The

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King of Scots has written to the King of Spain and the Pope. Levy of troops about Florence. Particulars of many other parties in Spain and Italy. Wants money. [*Many of the names in cypher.*]

May 25. 43. Copy of the preceding, by Tho. Phelippes.

May 25. The Strand. 44. Burghley to Walsyngham. That the merchants of the Stillyard desire their ancient liberty of buying in Blackwell Hall may be restored to them, as well as their former privileges. Desires to know Her Majesty's pleasure for some order therein to be taken with the Lord Mayor.

May 26. The Savoy. 45. Same to same. Success of the device for setting the merchants and clothiers at liberty. No improvement however had as yet taken place in the cloth market, as the merchants were waiting advices from Germany.

May 30. 46, 47. Abstract of the charge for the works at Portsmouth for two months, ending the 20th of May, 1857. [*In duplicate.*]

May 30. 48. Complaint and objections of the Inhabitants of Kingston-upon-Hull against the licence for salt granted to Mr. Wylkes; as also the answers thereunto by his deputies and farmers.

May 30. 49. The names of the poor men of Holland that were robbed at sea, by the ships of Sir Walter Luson, in August and November, 1856.

May 30. Tower. 50. Edward Windesore, prisoner in the Tower, to Lord Chancellor Hatton. He submits himself to Her Majesty's mercy. Accuses Barnard Maude and Captain Jakhouse [Jacques], of being the chief agents, at the instigation of Ballard, in the conspiracy for the release of the Queen of Scots.

May 31. 51. Interrogatories for the examination of Edward Wyndesore, touching Jacques and the conspiracy for any invasion to be made of this realm, and for liberating the Queen of Scots.

May 31. 52. Examination and answers of Edward Wyndesore to the preceding interrogatories.

May 31. 53. Names of such persons as are known to be common receivers, harbourers, and maintainers of Jesuits and seminary priests.

May. 54. Note of the amount of customs paid for three years, viz.: one before the proclamation of 29° Henry VIII. "for admitting merchant "strangers to the same privileges as English merchants;" one the 34th of his reign, and the third in the 2nd year of King Edward VI.

May. 55. Articles of complaint exhibited by Tho. Atkinson against Tho. Gurling, for aiding Mr. Hewett, the searcher of Hull, in his suit against him. Gurling's conveyance of Papists beyond seas.

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May? 56. The Earl of Leicester's memorial to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, of such private suits as he desires him to remind Her Majesty. Renewal of his lease of fines and alineations. Extension of his grant of the manor of Cleobury within the county of Worcester. Confirmation of the lease of certain lands to his kinsman, Butler; and grant of the royalty of the deer of Wichwood Forest and the manor of Langley.

May? 57. John Taverner's report touching the forest of Wichwood, part of the jointure of the Countess of Warwick, assigned to the Earl of Leicester. The forest of Wichwood and the manor of Langley have always been granted together.

May. 58. Offers on behalf of the Dowager Countess of Rutland to the now Earl of Rutland, touching the discharge of a recognizance of 4,000*l.*, and the administration of the will of the late Earl.

May? 59. Epigram by Daniel Rogers, Clerk of the Council, addressed to the University of Oxford. Latin.

May? 61. Observations touching the present dangers towards this realm, through the malice of—1st, the Pope; 2d, the King of Spain; 3d, the Princes of the League; 4th, the Papists. The present Pope Sixtus V. continues the malice of his predecessors. The "cutting away" of the Queen of Scots hath wonderfully eased the body of this State. [*In the hand of Tho. Phelippes.*]

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June 1. Westminster. 1. Π to Walsyngham. Secret advertisements. Wharton and his friend Gearye had been both at Court; their report of the preparations of the King of Spain. Evil speeches of Her Majesty to the Lord Treasurer, calling him traitor, false dissembler and wicked wretch, and all about the death of the Scottish Queen. Henry Davyes and his wife have taken a house in Lincoln's Inn Fields for the reception of young gentlemen, which will hatch some untimely fruit if the nest be not broken and the brood dissevered in time.

June 1. 2. Certificate of William Reynoldes, Her Majesty's Fletcher, of the store of arrows in the Queen's store in Goddes House, in Portsmouth.

June 1. 3. Certificate of William Hopkins, Master Smith of the Tower, of the store of calivers and harquebuses in the same storehouse at Portsmouth.

June 1. 4. The Oath of Supremacy taken and pronounced by Charles Somerset, in the presence of Lord Burghley, and attested by him.

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June 1 ? 5, Requests made by the Servants of the late Surveyor General for victualling the Navy, addressed to Lord Burghley, for certain allowances as granted to their late master, Mr. Baeshe.

June 2. 6. Warrant by the Queen to the Exchequer, for making certain allowances to Richard Peter, John Hepworth, and Robert Michell, servants of Edward Baeshe, for victualling the Navy till the last of December next.

June 2. 7. Sir Francis Drake to Walsyngham. Believes the Spaniards will not trouble England suddenly,, their ships and provisions had been so completely destroyed. Upwards of 60 hulks and fly-boats laden with provisions had been taken or burnt, and what they were unable to reach the enemy themselves had destroyed. The sickness of the soldiers and mariners is very great, and they desire much to return to England.

June 2. 8. The Council to the Lord Mayor of London. To see that the soldiers levied in the city for service in the Low Countries, who had mutinied against Captain Sampson, be punished with some severe and extraordinary correction. To be tied to carts and flogged through Cheapside to Tower Hill, then to be set upon a pillory, and each to have one ear cut off.

June 3. 9. The Queen to same. To assist the captains in levying 600 men within the liberties of the City for service in the Low Countries, under captains to be named by the Earl of Leicester.

June 3. 10. The Queen to the Lieutenants of various counties; to the same effect as the preceding,

June 3. Paris. 11. W. Gerrard to Richard Eltonhead. Thanks him for his good-will and friendship. Is much pleased with his journey and present position, where he can enjoy his religion in peace. Desires him to cure the bearer of his infirmity, and to accept any tokens from him.

June 4. At Court. 12. The Earl of Leicester to the several counties, certifying the names of the captains appointed by him to take the command of the troops levied in their shires, for service in the Low Countries.

June 4. 13. Declaration of the substance of the doctrine preached in the sermon by Mr. Mathewe, minister of St. Michael's, Cornhill, before Sir Owyn Hopton, lieutenant of the Tower, and the prisoners, with the rest of the audience then present on Whitsunday, wherein he accused the Preciscians of disturbing the church against the Queen and the Bishops.

June 5. On board the Lion, at Dover. 14. Capt. Wm. Borough to the Lord High Admiral. Since his last letter they had captured 30 ships and a rich fly-boat of Dunkirk. Capture of the castles of Cape Saker and Cape St. Vincent. Had been deprived of his command by Sir Fr. Drake, for the letter he had written to him on the 30th of April, and confined to his cabin.

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Desires that his cause may be heard without prejudice. The company, by general consent, had brought the ship back without order from the Admiral. *Incloses,*

14. I. *Plan of the forts, harbour, and bay of Cadiz and the adjoining coasts, showing the positions of the English and Spanish fleets: by Capt. Borough.*

14. II. *Capt. Borough to Sir Francis Drake. Copy of his letter of 30th April.*

14. III. *Same to same. Is sorry that he has so construed his letter, which he had written only in the discharge of his duty and the Queen's service. Aboard the Lion, May 2.*

June 5. 15. Examinations of Tho. Bensted and others taken before the Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich, touching an unlawful meeting proposed to be held on Barram Downs for plundering the rich farmers' houses and taking corn by force.

June 8. LeycesterHouse. 16. Earl of Leicester to the counties of Essex and Hertford. For the levying of 450 men to serve in the Low Countries, viz., 300 in Essex and 150 in Hertford; each man to be supplied with a sword and dagger, but the armour and other necessaries would be furnished by Her Majesty.

June 10. 17. The answer of Hugh Trevanion touching the certificate of Tho. Wyvell, under-sheriff of Cornwall, relative to his proceedings in giving possession to Stephen Rith of two tenements held by Trevanion.

June 12. Lathom House. 18. Earl of Derby to Burghley. Thanks for his letter, and assures him of his good will. Is sorry to hear how much he suffered of late, but that Her Majesty's gracious favor was seen by her sending to consult him at his own house.

June 12. 19. Particulars of the estate of the late Duchess of Somerset, touching her goods and moveables.

June 12. 20. Account of the legacies given by the late Countess of Somerset to the Earl of Hertford, Lord Henry Seymour, &c. Names of other legatees, and the value of the legacies left to each.

June 12. 21. Offers of John Earl of Rutland to the Supervisors of the late Earl's will, for settlement of affairs with the Countess; proposes the Countess shall discharge the recognizance of 4,000*l.*, wherein the late Earl stood bound to Lady Julian Holcrofte.

June 12. 22, 23. Note of necessaries appertaining for fire works, now wanting in Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

June 13. 24. Note of materials to be sent down presently to Portsmouth for the finishing of the works in the armoury.

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June 14. 25. Remembrances for Lord Burghley, for completion of the works at Portsmouth, and the supplying of arms and munition. The Earl of Southampton's armour to be scoured and dressed up by his executors.

June 15. Wrest. 26. Earl of Kent to Walsyngham. Has not been successful in arranging the controversy between Mr. Geery and his wife, and Edward Snowe, concerning the late Mrs. Snowe's goods. Mr. Oliver St. John is not willing to take that charge upon himself.

June 15. 27. The requests of the Merchants Adventurers that they may have a proportionate share of the plunder taken at Cadiz and at sea.

June 15. 28. Henry Broyd to Mr. Stampe. Affairs have not happened according to Mr. Stramsan's expectation. He had determined to return, and had committed the direction of Mr. Stampe's son to him. Commends himself to Mr. Middlemore, whose younger son is in good health.

June 19. 29. Information that two ships of Dartmouth had been attacked by a large French ship, with two pinnaces, off Dartmouth, and that they had carried away Sir Walter Raleigh's prize.

June 20. The Court. 30. Daniel Rogers to the Archbishop of York. Craves his favor in hastening the contribution collected in his diocese for his (Mr. Rogers's) relief, in pursuance of an Order in Council. Has been lately sworn in Clerk of the Council. The Earl of Leicester is soon to depart for the Low Countries, and the Prince of Parma is besieging Sluys.

June 20. 31. Particulars of the case between Wm. Geery and his wife on the one side, and Edward Snowe of the other.

June 21. 32. Peter Osborne's suit to Mr. Secretary, touching the goods of Mrs. Geery; that Daniel Snowe's goods may be made to pay the debt due to the Queen.

June 22. 33. Memorandum touching the goods of the late Mrs. Snowe, at Chicksands, to be inventoried and valued.

June 22? 34. Legal opinion of Mr. Daniel Hylles upon the matter in question between Mr. Osborne and Mr. Geery; the goods of a testator ought not to be restrained from the executor.

June 27. 35. Statement drawn up by John Hawkyns, of the management of the Navy, from 1568 to 1579 and since, under the agreement with Mr. Hawkyns; with his opinion for the future government of the same by commissioners.

June 27. 36. Copy of the preceding.

June. 37. Certificate of the musters of the trained bands in Devon and Cornwall, and of the defects in every band. Names of the captains of the several bands.

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June? 38. Tho. Phelippes to 24 [Gilbert Gifford]. Has received his letters by Mr. Waad, and one from Dr. G[ifford] to Mr. Secretary with a bill of exchange. Sends him by the bearer 150 crowns, to be paid by Peter Hachett. Advice as to money affairs. Revives his former instructions as to furnishing intelligence, particularly as to parties formed since the Queen of Scots' death. To practise with the agents of foreign princes, specially with the Nuncio and Glasgow, Mr. Pagett, Morgan, Charles Arundell, Fitzherbert, and others. Sends him a new cypher, and will write more often by Mr. Hugh Offley's mean. Marvels that Gifford has not mentioned Morgan's treaty with the Queen-Mother. Advises him to stand at defiance whatever men say of him. Emilio is one of those hanged.

June. 39. Information of the indirect means taken by Mr. Prichard in obtaining the Vicarage of Tavistock, the Countess of Warwick having the presentation during the Earl of Bedford's minority, and intended to nominate one Claye thereto.

June? 40. Particulars by Richard Sutton of the state of the cause of Lady Digby and Robert Digby, her son, against Francis Arderne, who sought to recover the lands of Pedmore and Whitmore, formerly leased to Sir George Digby, deceased.

June? 41. Notes or heads of the means to be employed in procuring intelligence from abroad. Two persons to observe the Spanish preparations on the coasts. Two "intelligencers" to be in the Court of Spain.

June. 42. Names of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in the Principality of Wales.

June. 43. Commission by the Queen to John Spilman, Goldsmith of the jewels of the Household, to provide all sorts of gold, jewels, diamonds, pearls, rubies, and other precious stones, and to take up diamond cutters, ruby cutters, agate cutters, and other workmen, at Her Majesty's prices.

June. 44. Petition of John Addeson, of Southampton, to the Council. Desires satisfaction for the spoil of his ship, the Dolphin, and goods, by Frenchmen, four years since. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Certificate of the loss suffered by John Addeson from a Frenchman, given under the town seal of Southampton June* 2, 1587.

June. 45. Narrative of an Englishman, taken prisoner in Sir F. Drake's expedition to the Indies and carried into Spain; his entering into the service of the King of Spain and subsequent escape to France. Desires money to pay for his passge to England.

July 1. 46. Account and description of the tapestry or hangings bought by Horatio Palavicino. Italian.

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July 3. The Savoy. 47. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham, Secretary of State and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Desires him to hear the cause between Anthony Palmer, Her Majesty's ward, and Mr. Danett, concerning the lease of Castleforth Mills, parcel of the Duchy lands.

July 4. 48. Bond of John Ardern, John Wellysborne, Lawrence Washington, and Nicholas Porter, for the payment of 100*l.* to John Tasburgh on the feast of St. Andrew, at or in the hall of Lincoln's Inn.

July 5. 49. Examinations of John Frampton and John Forde, relating to the taking of Robt. Fletcher, a priest, by a boat and crew hired at Southampton, by Henry Canter and others; their proceedings.

July 7. 50. Richard Fenys to Lord Burghley. Desires him to forget his past neglect and to extend his favor to him in allowance of his supposed right. Hopes by some means to recover the favor of the Lord Admiral and Lord Chamberlain. His endeavours to recover some of the lands mortgaged by Sir William Fenys.

June 9. 51. Earl of Arundell to Lord Burghley. Desires him to solicit Her Majesty's pardon that he may be restored to liberty, as the Earl of Leicester and other his adversaries were now departed from the Court. Reminds him of the illness and injuries he had suffered during his long imprisonment of two years and above.

July 11. 52. Note of the ordinary yearly waste and charges in the office of the Ordnance; with offers to discharge the same for the sum of 2,000*l.* a year.

July 11. 53. A note or inventory of a small casket with divers jewels viewed in the town of Saltash; the said casket being varnished with gold, with two keys and a small chain of gold to the same. The which casket and jewels Sir Francis Drake hath taken charge to deliver unto Her Majesty with his own hands.

July 13. 54. Arundell to Burghley. That he had written to the Lord Admiral, and finds Burghley's fatherly care and love towards him to be so great that he cannot wish for more. Desires him to peruse the inclosed letter and to solicit Her Majesty for his release, being the oldest of all the prisoners except two, Prestall, and Shelley.

July 15. The Court. 55. Burghley to Walsyngham. To send to Sir John Norris, and to appoint a meeting with them at the Lord Mayor's after dinner. The Queen has determined to send Lord Gray over to the Earl of Leicester.

July 16. Theobalds. 56. Same to same. In haste. Information that the Duke of Parma is willing to make a cessation of arms by treaty with the Earl of Leicester. The Queen rather believes the report of Mr. Comptroller than the official letter, and wishes immediate answer to

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be sent. Burghley advises her first to hear Leicester's opinion. Desires Walsyngham to come with all speed as he was unable to manage the business. Writes from his garden at Theobalds where Her Majesty is.

July 18. Theobalds. 57. The Queen to the Justices of Assize in Cornwall. To forbear proceeding against Tho. Smith and his wife in Cornwall for matter of recusancy until Her Majesty's pleasure be further known.

July 19. 58. Examination of Richard Baily taken before Alderman Martin, touching his knowledge of a man named Strangwich.

July 19. 59. Examination of Arnold Saule as to his knowledge of Strangwich.

July 19. 60. Confession of Richard Johnson, of Southwark, scrivener, that he had drawn up forms of pardon for Strangwich, *alias* Strangwidge, and for one named William Watkins, a Gloucestershire man.

July 20. 61. Names of the Priests and Jesuits remaining in the several prisons in London.

July 22. 62. Certificate of the provisions remaining at Tower Hill, by Mr. Quarles.

July 23. The Savoy. 63. Walsyngham to Burghley. Intends to be at the Court to-night. Sends him letters received from the Earl of Leicester, who reports the States to be very tractable and sorry for their late faults, and the common people greatly curse Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Wylkes. Preparations in Spain. The Kings of Spain and France were to offer their aid to the King of Scots to proclaim himself heir apparent to the English throne.

July 26. 64. Declaration of the expenditure of the sum of 12,512*l.* 11s. 8*d.* by the late Edward Baeshe for victualling Her Majesty's ships to the seas. Expense of fitting out the ships under Sir Fr. Drake. Recommending Mr. Quarles to be appointed to take charge of the victuals.

July 28. 65. Robert Paddon to Lord Burghley. Solicits him to favor his suit for a reversion of one of the auditor's offices of the Exchequer, and for which he would "perform" 300*l.*, having heretofore promised but two hundred.

July 29. 66. Articles objected against Capt. Wm. Borough of misconduct in the expedition under the command of Sir Fr. Drake; with the names of the witnesses to maintain the same.

July 29? 67. Note of certain examinations taken before the Judge of the Admiralty, the Attorney and Solicitor General, and Dr. Hammond, commissioners in that behalf appointed, concerning the running away of the Golden Lion under the command of Capt. Borough.

July 30. 68, 69. A note of the additional works at Portsmouth, not included in the former estimate. [*In duplicate.*]

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July 31. 70. Note of the sums paid to John Hawkyns, Treasurer of the Admiralty, and to Edw. Baeshe, from the 1st of June, 1586, to the 1st of July 1587; with the sums paid to the merchants to the last of July.

July 31. 71. An estimate of the charge for equipping 16 of Her Majesty's ships and five pinnaces, to be set to the seas in warlike manner, for two months.

July? 72. Declaration of Tho. Parker (son of Henry Lord Morley) touching the cause of his travel abroad. Went to France at the urgent request of Lady Morley, his mother, and to recover the will of his unfortunate father, who died at Paris.

July? 73. Remembrances delivered by the Marquis of Winchester and others to Sir John Norris to represent to the Queen and the Lords of the Council the necessity of placing a sufficient garrison in the Isle of Wight, as the county of Southampton could not furnish the numbers required.

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Aug. 1? 1. Reply of William Borough, Clerk and Comptroller of Her Majesty's ships, late Vice-Admiral at the seas with Sir Francis Drake, to the articles objected against him by the said Sir Fr. Drake and his followers.

Aug. 1. 2. Account of the removal of the body of Mary Queen of Scots from Fotheringay Castle to Peterborough Cathedral, with the ceremonial of the funeral processsion and interment in the cathedral. [*See also Queen of Scots, same date.*]

Aug. 6. 3. Certificate delivered by Richard Peter of the provisions remaining of the supplies for the victualling of the Navy.

Aug. 8. 4. Remembrance for my Lords of the Council for matters for Portsmouth: for ordnance, powder, and shot to be sent down, bows and arrows, an armourer for cleaning the corslets, a pinnace to be always at sea for intelligence, a warrant for timber for the bridges and scaffolding, &c.

Aug. 9. 5. Note of victuals remaining at the storehouse, the 9th of August; supplied by Mrs. Baeshe.

Aug. 9. 6. The Council to Sir George Carey. Report of a fleet of 120 sail having been seen off the Isles of Scilly, supposed to be Spaniards; he is required to pnt the Isle of Wight in a state of defence in case of a sudden attack. To confer with the Marquis of

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Winchester and Earl of Sussex as to the number of men that could be spared out of the county of Southampton, for defence of the Wight.

Aug. 9. 7. The Council to the Earl of Pembroke. To put the Maritime counties in the West parts of the realm into good order of defence, as by letters from Devon and Cornwall it was reported a fleet of 120 sail, supposed to be Spaniards, had appeared off the Isles of Scilly.

Aug. [9 ?] 8. Reasons to be alleged why the 150 men of Mr. Fulford's band ought to be assigned to Mr. Cary for the better defence of Torbay.

Aug. 10. Doctors' Commons. 9. Sir Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to Walsyngham. In answer to certain complaints of the Scottish Ambassador touching matters of piracy by Cooke and Smith. Piracies committed by Strangwich and his company.

Aug. 14. The Court. 10. Burghley to same. Sends him a packet of letters which he received from Sir George Carey, but could not understand them. Desires to know the contents of them. Means to ride this night to Barnet to Alderman Kympton's house.

Aug. 15. 11. Note of lands belonging to Tho. late Duke of Norfolk, demised to Mr. William Dix and Wm. Cantrell.

Aug. 16. 12. Declaration of George Harrison, lately arrived from Rouen, and Tho. Rocker from Rochelle, of the preparations of the French and Spaniards. That Casimer had entered France to aid the King of Navarre against the Duke of Guise. In France the people were dying in the streets and at the gates for want. Great preparations at Lisbon.

Aug. 16. Didlebury. 13. W. Baldwyn to Daniel Rogers. Has made arrangements with some of his tenants, particularly with Tho. Everall. He that maketh a thief his keeper is like to have the best game. Has conferred with a friend about inclosing Riton Marsh.

Aug. 17. 14. Thomas Lord Buckhurst to Walsyngham. Has received instructions from the Council to proceed to Sussex to put the shire in a state of defence as Her Majesty's Lieutenant. Has had an interview with the Lord High Admiral at Kew, touching the defences of that shire. Thanks Walsyngham for his friendly courtesies. Complains of the slanderous accusations against him touching the loss of Sluys, which he means not to answer. Requests to be informed if any new accusations should be made against him.

Aug. 21. 15, 16. An estimate of the quantity of cask, as well for beef as beer, necessary for the supplying of 10,000 men with provisions at sea for two or three months. [*In duplicate.*]

Aug. 25. 17, 18. Note of ordnance and munitions appointed for the six maritime counties of Kent, Sussex, Hants, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall. [*In duplicate.*]

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Aug. 25. 19. The Council to the Lieutenants of the Maritime Counties. A proportion of ordnance and munition has been assigned for defence of the Maritime counties, and would be delivered by the Earl of Warwick out of Her Majesty's stores. Directions for its safe keeping.

Aug. 26. London. 20. Richard Young to Walsyngham. Has talked with sundry priests remaining in the prisons about London. Some are very evil affected, and unworthy to live in England. Simpson, *alias* Hyegate, and Flower, priests, have justly deserved death and in no wise merit Her Majesty's mercy. Wm. Wigges, Leonard Hide, and Geo. Collinson, priests in Newgate, are dangerous fellows; as are also Morris Williams and Tho. Pounde, the latter committed as a layman, but in reality a professed Jesuit. Francis Tirrell is an obstinate papist, and is doubted to be a spy.

Aug. 29. 21. Notes touching the cause between Sir Edmond Brudenell and Mr. Bussy; with reasons to move the arbitrators to have consideration of Mr. Bussy in equity. [*On the 29th Aug.* 1587, *Sir Anth. Thorold was directed by the Council to inquire into a riot and tumultuous disorder committed by the Busseys upon the lands of the Brudenells. Co. Reg.*]

Aug. 22. Names of Her Majesty's ships, with their complement of guns and men, and the stations where they are appointed to serve.

Aug. 23. Brief note of the money received by the late Edward Baeshe for victualling the fleet set forth to sea under the command of Sir Fr. Drake.

Aug. 24. Bond to be entered into by Charles Fayth to pay to Thos. Cordell, Wm. Garway, Edw. Holden, and Paul Banning the price of certain sweet wines of Candia, called Muscadines, to be landed from the ship the Stella Vidale.

Aug. ? 25. Affirmation by Wm. Eton, of Southampton, of his conversation with Robert Fletcher, relative to the pirates Kanter and Cole.

Aug. 26. Declaration by the Merchant Adventurers, what way they think most advantageous for the venting of cloths.

Aug. ? 27. Proportion of munition demanded by the Earl of Warwick, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, for defence of the port of Harwich and the seacoasts thereabouts.

Aug. ? 28. Plan of the Bay and Towns of Cadiz, Port Royal, and the adjacent coasts, with the position of the English fleet: very similar to the plan annexed to the letter of Capt. Borough, 5th June, *antè*.

Aug. ? Dover. 29. Summons for the Mayor and others of each of the Port Towns to appear before the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports or his Lieutenant, at Dover, on the 7th of September following. Latin.

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Aug. ? 30. A discourse touching the divisions or factions of the Englishmen in the service of the King of Spain, and of those resident in Rome and France.

Sept. 1. Paris. 31. Richard Banckes to his brother Thomas Banckes. Hopes his loving parents and all friends are in health. Is about to take a long journey and hopes the end will be sweet. Asserts that he believes in his conscience the Catholic and Roman religion is the true Apostolical and Christian religion.

Sept. 3. St. Gilles. 32. Vincent Warnar to James Humfrey at Rouen (?) Sends three books for Master Harteley, but retains the two English books on physic, which are common in England.

Sept. 3. 33. Report of Gilbert Tison, who came from Lisbon on the 3d of September. New supplies of shipping arrived at Lisbon. Proclamation to all Spanish captains to assemble at the Groyne to stay the return of the Marquis Santa Croce. The loss of the carrack, which Sir Fr. Drake took, breedeth marvellous grief, and with dread did the Marquis depart forth. Fears of the Spaniards for the India fleets. They imagine that Drake "worketh by a familiar."

Sept. 5 Theobalds. 34. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has received the privy seal for 12,000*l.* to be sent into Ireland. Desires that order may be given for the payment of money into the Exchequer as Her Majesty's treasure groweth low. Information from Andreas De Loo that the Duke of Parma would not cease arms till the arrival of the Commissioners. Fears he had offended Her Majesty by writing so sharply on that subject.

Sept. 6. 35. John Bright, of Modlycott, to Daniel Rogers. Arrangements about the rent of some land. Will take order for Foulke Gilbert's lease. All the rest of the tenants with Tho. Everall, his bailiff, have delivered two great cheeses to Mr. Grey and his wife, and she promises to kneel before the Queen in their behalf.

Sept. 7. 36. Copies of letters sent by Tho. Phellipes to Gilbert Gifford under the feigned direction to Francis Hartley at Paris, and signed James Dalison, written in onion juice and in cyphers. That Nawe and Curle (the Queen of Scot's secretaries) were set at liberty, and were by this time at Paris. Directions for Gifford how to excuse himself that he did not discover those who dealt for the Queen of Scots. Desires to be informed of the intentions of the Catholics and Dr. Allen. Commissioners were to be sent to treat of peace.

Sept. 9. Theobalds. 37. Burghley to Walsyngham. Is glad to perceive the comfort his physicians and surgeons give him. Strongly objects to Her Majesty's dealing touching the affairs of the Low Countries. The Duke of Parma will make more profit of the hastening of the treaty than Her Majesty shall. By her own coldness and temporising she will be forced to sing "*haud putaram.*"

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Sept. 10. Wisbeach. 38. John Colvill and others, Justices of the Isle of Ely, to the Council. Their proceedings on the complaints against Tho. Gray, keeper of the Recusants in Wisbeach Castle. They have examined many of the Recusants and set down orders between the keeper and them. That Charles Borne and Nicholas Scroope, two of the Recusants had beaten the wife and servants of the keeper during his absence. *Inclosing,*

38. I. *Orders to be observed by Tho. Gray, keeper of Wisbeach Castle, concerning the government of the Recusants under his charge. Sept. 8th.*

38. II. *Articles exhibited by Tho. Gray, keeper of the Recusants in Wisbeach Castle, against Borne and Scroope, and other Recusants there.*

38. III. *The examination of Tho. Gray and others on the Articles exhibited by him against the Recusants.*

38. IV. *Charges proved before the Justices of Ely against Scroope and Borne, gentlemen, and against Collyson, Higgins, Knight, and Potter, priests and prisoners in Wisbeach Castle.*

Sept. 10. 39. Tho. Travers to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Complains of his hard treatment by Tho. Gray, keeper of Wisbeach prison. His submission and promise to attend the Church. With letter from Tho. Gray, keeper of the prison, on the petition and complaint of Travers.

Sept. 11. Oatlands. 40. The Council to Sir John Conway, in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne, who had exhibited a grievous complaint against Lady Conway, for wrongfully matching her eldest daughter to Conway's second son, and getting into her hands the second daughter of Mrs. Bowrne, with the purpose to marry her to his youngest son.

Sept. 12. 41. Burghley to Walsyngham. Her Majesty has determined to send Mr. Daniel Rogers ambassador to the King of Denmark, because the King of Scots intended to send an ambassador to renew the motion of marriage. Affairs of the King of Navarre. Her Majesty had given order for the sending of 50,000*l.* into Germany, but afterwards changed her mind upon reading the French letter sent to Sir Edw. Stafford.

Sept. 13. 42. Same to same. Has informed Mr. Rogers of the intention to send him to Denmark. As to the intended invasion next year from Spain, he is sorry to hear of the decay of the Queen's ships. Had not been able to obtain any relief for the army in France. Is going to search all the chests and packs at Leadenhall, which would take two days, but would return as soon as any news came from the Earl of Leicester of his negotiation with the States. Dated 13th September at night, "*being my byrth daye.*"

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Sept. 14. 43. Grants by the Duke of Norfolk to Robert Frevyle of the office of Marshal of the Exchequer, dated 18th February 1571, and of the same office by George Earl of Shrewsbury to Thomas Heron, dated 14th September 1587.

Sept. 14. 44. An estimate of the proportion of cask necessary to have in store for beef and beer, if Her Majesty should set to the seas 10,000 men for three months.

Sept. 14? 45. Warrant by the Queen to the Exchequer to issue the sum of 24,500*l.* to James Quarles for the victualling of 10,000 men for the Navy for three months.

Sept. 17. Oatlands. 46. Walsyngham to Mr. Kery, one of the clerks of the Privy Seal, in behalf of Mr. Packer, for re-employment in that office, in which he had been long employed under Mr. Edmund Clerke, late deceased.

Sept. 18. 47. Burghley to Walsyngham. Her Majesty had given order for no more money to be sent to Palavicino, and that what he had already received he was to retain in his hands. Thus you see how Her Majesty can find means at small holes to stop her own light.

Sept. 18. 48. Receipt of Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.* received of Mr. Alderman Martin, master of Her Majesty's Mint.

Sept. 22. 49. Another receipt of Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.* received of Mr. Fowlar, comptroller of Her Majesty's works.

Sept. 23. 50. View of Frank Pledge, wherein Edward de Veer Earl of Oxford grants to Matthew Ellyson a certain portion of waste land of the manor of Hedingham Upland.

Sept. 25. London. 51. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Has received his letter and perused the articles sent with it, many of which he thought very reasonable to be granted. But the Lord Admiral was very backward that way, and had replied to the coastmen of Suffolk very discouragingly, by sharp and bitter answers. *Incloses,*

51. I, II. *Articles and conditions on which the mariners of the Cinque Ports are willing, at their own charges, to arm and set forth a certain number of ships to the sea, for their defence and safeguard of the realm.* [*Two copies.*]

51. III. *List of ships to be appointed out of the Cinque Ports to serve Her Majesty on the Narrow Seas.*

Sept. 25. 52. Examination of Anthony Wheatly, mariner, before William Waad, clerk of the Council. The cause of his entering the Spanish

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service. His sufferings on an accusation of corresponding with Sir Fr. Drake. Particulars of the preparations making in Spain and Portugal.

Sept. 26. Theobalds. 53. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Has received the letters of Andreas de Loo and the copy of the instructions for the Low Countries. Fears that Walsyngham's fever cometh of some extraordinary pains. The Earl of Leicester requires to know how M. Barnevelt could come by the copies of Her Majesty's letters and instructions to Leicester and of his letters to her.

Sept. 28. Westminster. 54. Same to same. That he intends to remain at home to take physic to-morrow. French news. The Spanish Ambassador says he has special letters from his master to Queen Elizabeth.

Sept. 28. 55. Receipt of Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.* received of Mr. Alderman Martin, master of the Mint.

Sept. 29. 56. Account of extraordinary payments made out of the Exchequer from Lady Day till Michaelmas, 1587:—To King Antonio towards payment of his debts 1,000*l.* To Sir Walter Raleigh, to be employed according to Her Majesty's direction, 2,000*l.* For works at Portsmouth, &c.

Sept. ? 57. William Waad (clerk of the Council) to the Attorney and Solicitor General and Francis Bacon, Esq. Has sent examinations relating to Mr. Pudsey and Mr. Harecourt, on which their Lordships desire their opinion.

Sept. ? 58. Articles exhibited by Tho. Massingberd against Tho. Martin and Edward Mellers, butlers of the Inner Temple, charging them with being papists and seducers of Her Majesty's subjects. Martin said to Mr. Ridgeway that the "Book of Acts and Monuments" is a legend of lies.

Sept. ? 59. Lord Burghley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires his most humble thanks for Her Majesty's compassion in sending to know of his state of health. The French Ambassador was fearful some misunderstanding might arise. Prays Walsyngham not to let the opportunity of obtaining possession of Gravelines be lost for a small sum of money: it would be great glory to have the old fox LaMott overreached in his own den.

Sept. ? 60. The names of all the Vice-Admirals in England.

Sept. ? 61. Robert Robyns to the Council. Information of sundry Papists. His arresting Tho. Crowder, a seminary priest. One Paynter, of Kent, a conveyer of letters beyond seas. Particulars of Sylvanus Scorey, a son of the late Bishop of Hereford, and one Bosgrave now here in England, two notorious papists.

Sept. ? 62. A Treatise by Lord Burghley on the policy of England and the intentions of the King of Spain, entitled "A Brief Discourse

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touching the Low Countries, the King of Spain, the King of Scots, the French King, and Queen Elizabeth, with some other remarkable passages of state, written by the Rt. Honble. Wm. Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England, &c."

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Oct. 1. Lythcott. 1. W. Stubbes to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Had done all they could for the time in Awburn, Hungerford, Argueston, Kingston Lacy, and other places, and intended to proceed about the manor of Enerby, in Wilts, in Mr. Sadleir's possession, and hoped to conclude in four days. The only man they had found to deal well was Mr. George Kyngsmell.

Oct. 2. 2. Memorial in Lord Burghley's hand of public business to be considered:—Mr. Tippett to the Groyne to inspect the Spanish preparations. The Navy to be put in readiness for service. General stay of all shipping. A charge to be sent to the Lieutenants of counties to have all things in readiness. The Earl of Leicester to be informed of the vast preparations of Spain, either for England or the Low Countries. The Recusants in each shire to be registered. Valuation of the goods taken in the Philip by Sir Fr. Drake; and his accounts for the last voyage to be made up. Intelligence to be sent to the Lord Deputy of Ireland.

Oct. 3. 3. Copy of the preceding.

Oct. 3. 4. Receipt of Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.*, received of Mr. Fowlar, comptroller of Her Majesty's works.

Oct. 4. 5. The Council's letters to the Lieutenants of the several shires. Her Majesty has been informed that great preparations are now presently made in Spain for the furniture of a mighty army with a navy to come presently to the seas. Directions to have the whole forces of the shire in readiness at an hour's warning. Certificate to be made of the numbers of the trained bands, the names of the captains, the furniture of arms and armour, &c.

Oct. 4. 6. Notes of paragraphs to be added to the letters sent to particular shires, which have not fully answered to the former letters of the Council.

Oct. 5. Ludlow. 7. Tho. Atkyns to the Archbishop Whitgyfte, complaining of the many innovations of fees and offices in the government and jurisdiction of the Marches of Wales. State of the charge of murder against William Matthews, deceased.

Oct. 8. 8. Brief inventory of such things as were taken out of the chests and packs, with the value thereof, amounting to 108,049*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, subscribed by Sir Fr. Drake, Sir Tho. Gorges, Edw. Carye and others.

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Oct. 8. 9. An estimate of all the merchandise discharged out of the carrack called the St. Phillip, in the river of Saltash. The same items and valuation as the preceding, but signed by only four of the Commissioners.

Oct. 8. 10. Particulars of several Brownists, examined at the Bishop's Palace in London, mostly taken at private conventicles held at Henry Martin's house at St. Andrew's in the Wardrobe. Crane, a minister made by Bishop Grindall. Margaret Maynerd says there is no church in England.

Oct. 9. Book of the Statutes of Archbishop Whitgyfte, for reforming the Ecclesiastical Courts, and for the more speedy administration of justice. Ratified, approved, and confirmed by the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 5.]

Oct. 9. Richmond. 11. The Council to the Deputy Lieutenants of Hertfordshire. Informing them of the preparation of a mighty army and fleet in Spain. Directs them, in the absence of the Earl of Leycester, the Lord Lieutenant, to put in readiness the whole force of the shire; to return a certificate of the number of men, the names of the captains, and their furniture of arms.

Oct. 10. Richmond. 12. Similar letter from the same to the Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Essex; signed by Lord Burghley.

Oct. 10. 13, 14. Remembrances by the Earl of Sussex for Her Majesty and the Lords of the Council, for strengthening the fortifications at Portsmouth, by the erection of a stone rampart, and for the better defence of Hasleworth Castle, Stokes Bay, and Brown Down. [*In duplicate.*]

Oct. 10. 15. Estimate of the charge for raising a rampart of stone walls with earth at Portsmouth.

Oct. 10. 16. Certain articles to be delivered to Her Majesty touching the Admiralty, very good to be amended by Her Majesty. That the Treasurer of the Navy should not be permitted to supply provisions to Her Majesty's ships, nor to play the merchant, nor any of Her Majesty's officers to be builders or setters forth of ships, purveyors of provisions, &c. Indorsed by Burghley, "*Contra Jh. Hawkyns.*"

Oct. 10? 17. Articles wherein may appear how Her Majesty is abused and Mr. Hawkyns greatly enriched, by his underhand management of the contracts for the Navy. Indorsed by Burghley, "*Contra Jo. Hawkyns.*"

Oct. 10? 18. Certain articles and orders meet to be used and ordered, touching the Queen's Navy, beneficial for Her Majesty, together with other notes to prove that Mr. John Hawkyns doth not deal truly with Her Majesty.

Oct. 11? 19. Certificate by the Bowyer and Fletcher of the quantities of bows, arrows, and strings remaining at Portsmouth, and the repairs necessary for the same.

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Oct. 12. 20. Report by Peter Pett and Matthew Baker to the Lord Admiral, of the state of Her Majesty's Navy; most of the ships being old, imperfect, and out of repair, but all capable of being fitted out for present or sudden service.

Oct. 12. Woolwich. 21. Sir William Wynter to Lord Burghley. Has heard the matter in controversy between Peter Pett and Mr. Hawkyns for matter of accounts, but could not bring the inquiry to an amicable conclusion.

Oct. 13. 22. Receipt of Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.* received of Mr. Fowlar.

Oct. 13. 23. Estimate by Mr. James Quarles of the charges for victualling 100 men for seven days, with comparative table of the prices of victuals, when Mr Baeshe first served and at the present time.

Oct. 13? 24. Offers of Mr. James Quarles to serve at so much per diem in harbour or at sea, the same as Mr. Baeshe did when the prices of provision shall come to be at a certain rate specified.

Oct. 14. 25. A true certificate of all the barks, ships, and other vessels, with their several names and burthens, and also the names of all the able masters and number of mariners belonging to the towns and ports within the liberties of the Cinque Ports.

Oct. 14. 26. George Goringe, Receiver of the Wards, to Lord Burghley. Regrets at his being much so offended at him for not paying the cofferer. The accounts of his office cannot be drawn out in two or three days, but that he would make an abstract as near as could be. Assures him of his faithful dealing in Her Majesty's service.

Oct. 15. 27. Account of all such such sums of money as have been paid by Sir Francis Drake as well for Her Majesty's account as for the charges of the carack and other things incident to the action, amounting to the sum of 7,407*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*

Oct. 15? 28. An addition to the account of Sir Francis Drake of money paid and allowed by him.

Oct. 15. 29. Note of the tonnage of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces, with others under the command of Sir Francis Drake in the late service on the coast of Spain, and account of the whole expenses of Drake and John Hawkyns in the valuation and sale of the goods captured in the great carack the St. Philip.

Oct. 15? 30. Notes to be considered concerning the state of the goods of the carack, and of the agreement to be made with the merchants for the same.

Oct. 16? 31. The invoice or lading of the ship named the St. Philip, taken by Sir Fr. Drake.

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Oct. 16. 32. Receipt of Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 1,000*l.* received from Alderman Martin.

Oct. 16. 33. Hector Nunez to Lord Burghley. Communicates news from Portugal. Dealing of the Spaniards towards Bernard Lewis. Great amount of treasure arrived from New Spain. Spices are greatly increased in value and all the ships had arrived which were expected from the Indies. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Note of the lading of the St. Thomas, which came this year from "Callicut," and of the ship called Our Lady.*

33. II. *Mr. Nunez' request touching certain Spanish goods taken in the ship St. Phillip by Sir Fr. Drake, claimed by Luis Fernandez, a Portuguese resident in Antwerp.*

Oct. 17. 34, 35. List of certain of Her Majesty's ships, with the number of men and names of the captains to serve in them. [*In duplicate.*]

Oct. 18. 36. Certificate of musters of the county of Lincoln in its several divisions, stating the number of towns, chief lords, freeholders, the amount of taxes and assessment to subsidies, &c., the number of able men furnished with armour and weapon, of the numbers unfurnished, and the numbers of each particular description of soldiers. [*In a vellum cover with an external date,* 1586; *but on the inside leaf is written the date* 1587, *October* 18, *and signed John Rutland, who succeeded his brother Edward in April* 1587.]

Oct. 20. 37. Certain notes thought convenient to be observed in the commission for sale of the goods of the carack, the Spanish ship taken by Drake.

Oct. 20. 38. Sir Edward Clere and Sir William Heydon to the Council. Their proceedings in putting the forces of the county of Norfolk in strength and readiness. Great care had been taken in the selection of captains. *Inclosing,*

38. I. *The particular answer of the Deputy Lieutenants of Norfolk to the instructions sent by the Lord Lieutenant; the forces of the shire were in readiness; survey of the coast; a fort to be built at the Crotch, near Lynn. Desire to be supplied with* 30 *pieces of ordnance. Watching the beacons.*

38. II. *Certificate of the place of most danger for the landing of an enemy on the coasts of Norfolk; with the fortifications necessary for defence of the same.*

38. III. *Articles on which the Deputy Lieutenants of Norfolk desire the Lords of the Privy Council to resolve, respecting the fortifications and supply of ordnance at Lynn and Yarmouth, and other places on the coast.*

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Oct. 22. 39. Richard Young to Lord Burghley. His opinion on the best mode of effecting the sale at Leadenhall of the pepper and other commodities taken by Sir Fr. Drake. Advises the whole to be sold by wholesale.

Oct. 22. 40. Notes for a Commission for the sale of the commodities brought into England in the carack by Sir Fr. Drake, signed by Henry Billingsley, Paul Bayning, and others, commissioners.

Oct. 23. 41. Names of all such ships and vessels belonging to strangers, and are now remaining in the river at Newcastle.

Oct. 23. Pirgo. 42. Henry Graye and Sir Tho. Mildmay, Deputy-Lieutenants of the county of Essex, to Sir Thos. Henneage, Vice-Chamberlain. Have had a meeting to put in order the forces of the shire of Essex. Their defences are in good condition. Certificates would be returned as soon as possible, as many now were absent in London, being term time. *Inclosing,*

42. I. *A brief declaration of proceedings in the Commission of Lieutenancy, from the 26th of July,* 1585, *till the 1st of December,* 1586, *and from that date to June,* 1587.

42. II. *A brief of proceedings of the Deputy-Lieutenants of Essex in the instructions last received from the Council.*

42. III. *Note how the principal forces of the county have been heretofore limited for the relief of the places reputed most dangerous.*

Oct. 23. Pirgo. 43. Henry Graye to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for his favor towards him. Certificate of their proceedings in the musters. *Incloses,*

43. I., II. *Copy of inclosures, Nos.* 2 *and* 3, *in the preceding letter.*

Oct. 23. 44. The Council to the Lord Lieutenants of Hampshire. Touching the number of troops to be put at the disposal of Sir George Carey for defence of the Isle of Wight. The whole force of the shire not being needed for the defence of the isle, 3,000 men would be sufficient. The whole forces of the county to be put in readiness.

Oct. 23. 45. Copy of the preceding letter.

Oct. 24. 46. Valuation by William Stallenge of the goods taken in the carack, with the proportions belonging to Her Majesty and other parties interested.

Oct. 25. 47. Commission from Lord Cobham to Nicholas Gilbourne, of Charing, appointing him Scout-master of the Lathe of Shipway and the hundreds thereunto annexed, in the county of Kent, to order and oversee all the watches that shall be kept within the same, and to provide for firing and guarding the beacons.

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Oct. 27. 48. Receipt by Horatio Palavicino for the sum of 2,000*l.* received of Mr. Henry Sekeforde.

Oct. 28. Northampton. 49. The Deputy Lieutenants of Northamptonshire to Sir Chr. Hatton, Lord Chancellor. That they had viewed at several musters the number of 600 men, well furnished. Twenty demi-lances and 80 light horse had been intrusted to the charge of Mr. Griffin and Mr. Sanders. Names of the captains chosen for the footmen. *Inclosing,*

49. I. *Precept by the Dep. Lieutenant of Northampton to the Constables of the Hundred of Corbye to summon the persons mentioned in the list to appear at Rothwell and Kettering, on the days appointed for putting in readiness the forces of the shire.*

Oct. 30. Knowsley. 50. Ferdinando Lord Strange to Mr. Danyell, of Daresbury, appointing him a Captain to command some of the men raised within Cheshire for the Queen's service.

Oct. 31. The Grove. 51. Arthur Lord Grey, of Wilton, to Walsyngham. Sends the certificate of general musters of the county of Buckingham and the muster-roll of the 600 men that are now to be trained. *Incloses,*

51. I. *Muster-roll of the names of* 600 *able men of the county of Buckingham selected to be armed, trained, and put in readiness for Her Majesty's services.*

51. II. *Abstract of the general musters of the county of Buckingham, taken the* 1*st of May*, 1587.

Oct. 31. 52. The names of the sureties to be bound to Her Majesty for 50,000*l.*: Sir Francis Drake and ten others being partners and interested in the prize.

Oct. 53. An estimate of charges for victualling sundry of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces as well serving on the Narrow Seas, as for divers other like charges.

Oct. 54. List of the Queen's Majesty's ships, with their tonnage and number of mariners, gunners, and soldiers, and estimate of the charge for two months.

Oct. 55. A computation of the profits received by Mr. Thomas Cordell and his partners by their licence for the importation of corinths and sweet wines from Candia. Italian.

Oct. 56. Abstract of the certificates of the general views or musters of the number of able men in the Inland shires.

Oct. 57. Another abstract of the same counties.

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Oct. 58. Abstract of the proceedings of the Deputy Lieutenants in various counties, in execution of the orders for the general musters sent by the Council in the beginning of March and October. Points yet to be performed by certain counties.

Oct. 59. Renewed Instructions and Orders by the Commissioners for execution of the statutes made for the keeping and breed of horses. Strict musters to be taken of all the trained forces of the kingdom. All Justices of Peace to be charged with at least one horseman furnished. The colors and marks of all horses and geldings to be certified. [*On the 9th of October*, 1587, *the Council issued letters to the Commissioners in certain counties to have their forces in readiness for immediate service. Co. Reg.*]

Oct.? 60. Petition of John Napton, prisoner in the Marshalsea, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Prays to be released, having been in prison 22 weeks, and nothing now left to support his poor wife and five small children, who are perishing for want. Hopes to make some arrangement with Mr. Pope.

Oct.? 61. Commission to Arthur Lord Grey, of Wilton, to muster and arm as many of the tenants of the Manors of Wilton and Brampton in Herefordshire, as he can conveniently make ready for immediate service.

Oct.? 62. Petition of the Inhabitants of the Tower Hamlets to the Council. Praying that they may not be charged with so great a number of soldiers as the Commissioners of the Musters had assessed them at.

Oct.? 63. Petition of John Bonner to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. For a licence for certain years for the passage of six hoys to cross and recross the seas for the purposes of traffic, in recompense of his great losses at sea by Frenchmen and the Turks.

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Nov. 1. Portsmouth. 1. Francis Cotton to Lord Burghley. That he had sent a note of the time that William Pers attended upon the works at Portsmouth and the money he had received. A further supply of money is necessary for payment of the workmen.

Nov. 1. 2. Note of "the taxation of Tho. Cordell and other merchants at the late subsidy." So indorsed; but the names are those of the sureties for 50,000*l.*: Sir Fr. Drake being at the head of the list. [*See* 31 *Oct.*]

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Nov. 2. Richmond. 3. Robert Earl of Essex to Lord Burghley. Desires a warrant to Mr. Morley of the Exchequer "to stay all such particulars as those, which do deal for my book, shall bring."

Nov. 2. London. 4. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has caused James Humfrye to be examined upon some special points of the letters which were taken about him. The Bailiff of St. Catherine's has been directed to set him at liberty, as he had promised to perform some service of importance. *Incloses,*

4. I. *Examination of James Humfrye touching letters written by several Papists on the Continent. Supplication of the English nuns at Rouen to the Catholics in England for relief.*

4. II. *List of the letters and papers brought over by James Humfrye and found upon his person.*

Nov. 3. The Court. 5. John Wolley to Burghley. Her Majesty desires some order to be taken for the removing vagrant and disorderly persons out of London.

Nov. 3. 6. Copy of the preceding letter.

Nov. 3. Croydon. 7. Archbishop Whitgyfte to same. Death of Dr. Norgate, Master of Bennett College, Cambridge. Recommends that Dr. Copcoats may be elected to succeed him. Requests Burghley to write to the College in his favor and to let no letters go from Her Majesty for any other.

Nov. 4. Richmond. 8. Warrant to the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer. Authorizing them to pay from time to time to James Quarles, General Surveyor of Victuals, and to John Hawkyns, Treasurer of the Navy, such sums of money as shall be required for Her Majesty's service.

Nov. 4. Richmond. 9. Proportion of victuals for 6,000 men for six weeks to serve under the Lord Admiral; with a copy of the Privy Seal for payment of that service.

Nov. 4. Seathing Lane. 10. Walsyngham to Burghley. Will take care to inquire of the abiding places of the Recusants mentioned in a certain paper, who have not made their composition according to the statute.

Nov. 6. At the Court. 11. Burghley to Walsyngham. That Her Majesty had inquired of him if the companies of the city of London and in the counties were in readiness to make an army to attend Her Majesty's person. Desires to know the names of the captains and officers appointed to go into Ireland. When Burghley is absent Her Majesty complaineth, and when he is come he finds her otherwise occupied.

Nov. 7. 12. Memorial of public business in Burghley's hand of things to be done at London:—Standard for weights. Victualling the Navy. Sale of the prize taken by Drake. To speak with the Lord Mayor for making ready the forces to serve for the defence of Her Majesty's person. Recusants, &c.

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Nov. 7. 13. List of the names, places of abode, occupations, &c., of sundry persons whose bonds have been taken to the Queen's Majesty's use, for many causes, but principally for matters of religion.

Nov. 7. 14. Another list, duplicate of part of the above.

Nov. 8. Lambeth. Archbishop Whitgyfte's order concerning the number of Proctors in the Prerogative, Arches, and Audience Courts, entitled "*Appendix "et Explicatio Statuti de numero et distributione Procuratorum "in Curis nostris Archiepiscopalibus exercentium.*" [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 6.]

Nov. 9. Richmond. 15, 16. The Queen to Tho. Fludd, Receiver of Kent. Warrant to pay monthly the captains, officers, and gunners appointed in charge of various castles, forts, and garrisons in Kent and Sussex. [*Two copies.*]

Nov. 10. The Court. 17. Lord Burghley to Horatio Palavicino. Directions to pay in Frankfort or Nuremburg the sum of 40,000 florins to Duke Casimir in discharge of the sum of 8,000*l.* received at several times by Palavicino.

Nov. 10. 18. An estimate of the charge of seven ships and two pinnaces to be sent to the seas in warlike manner for six weeks, and also for seven ships and two pinnaces serving at this present in the Narrow Seas under Sir Henry Palmer.

Nov. 10. 19. Names of the first seven of the above ships with their tonnage and complement of men appointed to serve on the seas.

Nov. 10. 20. Mr. Quarles' estimate of the charge for the victualling of 6,000 men to serve on the seas under the Lord Admiral.

Nov. 11. 21. Certificate, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset, of all the armour, weapons, and furniture within the same, and how it is divided, with the names of the captains and number of able men, in the whole 3,220 able men furnished, besides pioneers, carters, victuallers, and such others as are appointed to keep home for guarding the sconces, bulwarks, and bridges.

Nov. 13. London. 22. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Sends a note of the ships he thinks necessary to perform his offer. Has always, since his appointment to the Navy, faithfully done his duty for the Queen's service, and never vainly or superfluously wasted Her Majesty's treasure. Intends to take no notice of the malicious reports circulated against him. Recommends that provisions should be provided at the Isle of Wight, Weymouth, and Plymouth ready for victualling the fleet. *Incloses,*

22. 1. *Estimate by John Hawkyns of the charge for* 17 *ships and pinnaces to be stationed off the West coast for the defence of the realm, with which he undertakes to oppose the landing of a foreign army in any port in the West country. Indorsed by Burghley, "not accepted."*

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Nov. 15. 23. Evidence taken in the Vice-Admiral's Court held at Melcomb-Regis, before Francis Hawley, Deputy Vice-Admiral, and Ric. Pitte, Mayor of Melcomb-Regis, in the suit of Nicholas Francklyn, captain of the ship called "Le Cherubin de Opsham," against Captain Saml. Prioure.

Nov. 16. 24. Sir Richard Maliverer to Walsyngham. Beseeches him to procure a lease in reversion from Dr. Hutton, Dean of York, to Her Majesty, for 60 years, of the parsonage or rectory of Pickering, and to pass the same to him, in consideration of his losses in the late rebellion.

Nov. 16. Stansby. 25. Tho. Littilbury and Thomas Copledike to the Council. Have called before them such persons as Anthony Doughty has nominated, and willed them to deliver up such acquittances as they had for payment of any issues, fines, amerciaments or fines for licence of concord in the time of the Sheriffalty of John Anderson; which acquittances (eighteen in number) they send up.

Nov. 16. 26. Account of the expenses of the royal stables during the year 29 Eliz.

[Nov. 16.] 27. Note of agreement between William Nethersale and Charles Hales touching the sale of lands and premises at Folkstone, and between Robert Denne and John Beere as to lands at Westgate, in the Isle of Thanet.

Nov. 17. 28. Memorial in Lord Burghley's hand of the precautions to be taken for the better defence of Cornwall and Devon. To remove the ordnance out of the great carack.

Nov. 17. Sheffield. 29. Earl of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Inquires after his health and welfare. Has suffered much himself, but hopes to receive some relief from physic; his legs and hands are nearly become almost comfortless.

Nov. 18. At the Court. 30, 31. The Council to the Lieutenants of the several shires. Requiring them, at the Queen's own desire, duly to consider the instructions formerly sent them for the choice and training of the select bands for defence of Her Majesty's person, and to certify when everything shall be in readiness, particularly the names of the principal gentlemen that will have the command. [*Two copies.*]

Nov. 18. 32. Certificate of Giles Lord Chandos, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Gloucester, as well of the numbers of 3,000 footmen and 200 horsemen put in readiness within the said city and county, with the names of their captains and leaders, as also of all the able men within the same.

Nov. 20. 33. Burghley to Walsyngham. As one sick, to an other, he writes uncertainly. Her Majesty intends to speak with him on Scottish matters, and so he sends Walsyngham a copy of the writing he had received from Archibald Douglas. Combination of a great

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part of the Scotch nobility in favor of the Popish religion and Spanish forces. Sends also a letter from Lord Hunsdon. "It is "to be considered whether Her Majesty may do the King of Scots "more harm, or he her."

Nov. 20. 34. Note of the stores and munition to be sent to Portsmouth.

Nov. 20. 35. Certificate of the view taken of the forces, able men furnished and unfurnished, in the city and whole county of Oxford.

Nov. 20. 36. Certificate of all the able men between the ages of 18 and 60 years, for one half of the county of Oxford: included in the preceding. Indorsed, "*For my Lord Norreys.*"

Nov. 21. 37. Certificate of the 400 able and selected soldiers, with their several kinds of armour and weapon, within the five Hundreds of Wantage, Lamborne, Shrivenham, Farrington, and Ganvylde, in the county of Berks, under the command of Edward Unton, Esquire.

Nov. 21. 38. Abstract or brief collection of the trained bands of the Hundreds in the division of Portsdown, under the leading of John White, Esq., viewed by the Earl of Sussex on the 6th of September, 1586; and a similar abstract of the same division, viewed and mustered by the same on the 20th of November 1587.

Nov. 21. 39. Certificate of all the men furnished and unfurnished within the Hundreds of Portsdown, Fareham, and Havant, co. Southampton, under the leading of Francis Cotton, Esq., mustered and viewed before Henry Earl of Sussex on the 21st of November.

Nov. 21. 40. Similar certificate of the Hundreds of Bosmere, Hayling, Alverstoke, and Gosport, under the leading of Thomas Henslow, Esq.

Nov. 21. 41. Similar certificate for the Hundreds of Meonstoke and Hambledon, under the leading of Richard Kingsmell, Esq.

Nov. 21. 42. Certificate of the armour, shot, and munition increased by means of the letters of the Earl of Sussex in the several divisions of the county of Southampton, with a promise that the common people shall not be charged therewith for a perpetuity, but only for Her Majesty's present service and defence of the realm.

Nov. 21. Wax Chandlers' Hall. 43. William Squyer and others to Robert Banckwith. Order to pay ten shillings to Wm. Dermer, one of the wardens of the Wax Chandlers Company, for provision of wheat for the city.

Nov. 23. 44. Memorial of divers things to be considered:—Commission for the Earl of Derby. The treaty in the Low Countries. Recusants. Consideration how an army may be described out of the inward shires for Her Majesty's person. Appointment of general officers. Instructions for the Maritime counties. Ordnance. Ireland; Wales, &c.

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Nov. 24. 45. Certificate of all the men furnished and unfurnished within the Hundreds of Eastmeon and Finchdean, in the division of Alton, co. Hants, under the charge and leading of Thomas Deering, viewed before the Earl of Sussex at Rampsdean, near Fisteed Park.

Nov. 24. 46. Similar certificate for the Hundreds of Alton, Selborne Sutton Episcopi, and the Borough of Alsford (or Alresford), under the charge and leading of Sir Richard Norton.

Nov. 24. 47. An estimate of the charge for sundry Her Majesty's ships and other vessels appointed to serve on the seas westward, under the command of Sir Fr. Drake.

Nov. [24.] 48. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to John Hawkyns and James Quarles the sum of 12,092*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the above service.

Nov. 25. 49. Mr. Pooley to Walsyngham. Has redelivered the packet to Andrews, prisoner in the Tower, and had some discourse with him upon it. Thinks that much useful information of secret practices might be learned from him. Has talked with him about the agent Mendoza determined to send.

Nov. 27. 50. Thomas Wylkes to the Earl of Derby. Sends him the copy of a discourse containing his opinion on the projected peace with Spain, which he had intended to present to Her Majesty but had been prevented. Reasons for supposing the great preparations by the King of Spain can only be destined against England. If he means sincerely to seek a peace, still Her Majesty in her wisdom will so provide as the peace shall give no advantage to a reconciled enemy. Advises Lord Derby, in his negotiating this peace, to beware of the cunning of Spain. It is characteristic of the English to be overreached by their neighbours in all their treaties. *Incloses,*

50. 1. *Discourse by Mr. Tho. Wylkes to the Queen's Majesty against the treaty of peace with the King of Spain. The true policy of England is to maintain the independence of the United Provinces. Aug.* 1587.

Nov. 27. 51. Emptions of diverse sorts for the furnishing of 14 of Her Majesty's ships appointed to the seas, to which is to be added the sum of 500*l.* required by Sir Fr. Drake for emptions for the merchants' ships under his charge.

Nov. 27. Ely Place. 52. "Memorial of sundry great causes" in Lord Burghley's hand:—Archibald Douglas to be sent into Scotland. The Earl of Huntingdon into the North, with the names of the counties under his charge, and of those appointed to assist him.

Nov. 27. 53. The rate set down by Sir Fr. Drake for the pay of 770 men serving in three of Her Majesty's ships and two pinnaces under his charge, according to their respective shares.

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Nov. 27. 54. Requests of Sir Fr. Drake to the Council. For the payment of such as were with him in service on the coasts of Spain and Portugal, for which, according to his word and promise, he was personally liable.

Nov. 28. 55. The requests of Sir Francis Drake (the same as the above), with calculations of the charges by John Hawkyns.

Nov. 28. Sheffield. 56. The Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. His Deputy Lieutenants of Derby and Stafford have taken a general view of the forces of those shires. *Incloses,*

56. I. *A certificate of the musters taken in Staffordshire by Sir Walter Aston and Ric. Bagott, and in Derbyshire by John Manners, Deputy Lieutenants to the Earl of Shrewsbury.*

56. II. *Certificate of all the demi-lances and light horse in the county of Stafford, viewed by Sir W. Aston and Ric. Bagott; with the names of the gentlemen furnishing them.*

56. III. *Similar certificate for the county of Derby, viewed by John Manners, Esq.*

Nov. 30. 57. General instructions by Lord Grey for the training of a band of 2,000 footmen, to be formed into one regiment.

Nov. 30. 58. An estimate of the charge for the fortifying of the town of Harwich: following, for the most part, the old decayed trenches.

Nov. 30. Portsmouth. 59. Earl of Sussex to Burghley. That he had held a meeting with the Marquis of Winchester, and had divided the shire between them for putting it in a proper state of defence. Great neglect in some way. Found many of the poorer sort, who were most willing to serve her Majesty, over burdened, while the rich were but lightly charged. His persuasions with all classes. Gunners must be sent down, and the tower and platforms at Portsmouth repaired; for at the Queen's coronation he durst not shoot off one piece, the tower was so old and rotten. Nomination of Justices of the Peace. News of forces at Lisbon.

Nov.? 60. Memorandum of things to be specially ordered:—Captains and colonels to be nominated for the first army; an officer for victuals to be appointed; another army to be appointed to attend Her Majesty's person.

Nov. 61. A taxation for an army of horse and foot for Her Majesty's person, to be made ready in divers counties of the realm; with the numbers proposed to be raised in each county. Certain Lords to be called upon to attend: officers to be named by Her Majesty; and inferior officers to be named by the Lieutenant General.

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Nov. 62. Names of certain Lords to be warned to attend for defence of Her Majesty's person.

Nov. 63. Lady Conway to the Council. Has laboured with Dr. Ford and Mr. Owen in the case between Sir John Conway and Mr. Anth. Bowrne. Mrs. Eliz. Bowrne seeks to gain her ends by vexatious delays, to frustrate Sir John Conway's undoubted right in the bestowing of her daughter in marriage.

Nov. 64. Note and estimate of the materials to be furnished for the finishing of the armoury at Portsmouth, and to remain for a store there.

Nov. 65. An abstract of all the spices served unto Her Majesty's privy kitchen, pottage place, and the privy chamber, in the month of August, rateably with the other months.

Nov.? 66. Petition of Jane Baeshe, widow, late wife of Edward Baeshe, general surveyor of the victuals for the Navy, requesting compensation for certain losses in victualling the Queen's ships, anno 29 Eliz.

Nov.? 67. A note of certain necessary provisions to be made for furnishing the Navy and laid in store at Portsmouth.

Nov. 68. An estimate of the charge for 100 foot soldiers for 10 days, and of 100 lances for one month.

Nov.? 69. Form of a grant by the Queen of a forfeiture for recusancy, under the stat. 29 Eliz.

Nov.? 70. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of Counties. Directing them to give publicity to a certain English treatise in answer to a seditious pamphlet written by Cardinal Allen, touching the delivering up the city of Deventer by Sir Wm. Stanley and Rowland York.

Nov.? 71. Lord Burghley to . To examine favorably the accounts of John Hawkyns, with reference to his contract of July 1585, for keeping, repairing, &c., Her Majesty's ships in harbour, and for repairing storehouses in the various dockyards.

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Dec. 1. 1. Certificate by Sir Tho. Heneage, Sir Henry Gray, and Sir Tho. Mildmay, Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Essex, touching the estate of that county and the preparing of Her Majesty's forces there. The whole number within the shire being 12,000 able men.

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Dec. 2. 2. A memorial of the things executed at home, and advises given for foreign matters abroad, by A. B. and C. D., tending to the defence and preservation of Her Majesty and her estate. [*Apparently a statement by Walsyngham of the result of his measures for putting the kingdom in a state of defence.*] Indorsed by Burghley, "*From "Mr. Secretary, by Mr. Ro. Beale.*"

Dec. 3. Ely House. 3. The Queen to the Lieutenants of the counties of Derby and Stafford, and other counties. Directing them to have a certain number of men well furnished, to be in readiness to assist the Earl of Huntingdon, Lord President and Lieut.-General in the North, to defend the frontiers towards Scotland from any incursions or invasions that might be made on that side of the kingdom.

Dec. 3. 4. Note of the money demanded by Sir Fr. Drake for the payment of the officers and mariners who served in the expedition off the coast of Spain. With various calculations upon the same.

Dec. 3. 5. Certificate of the receipt and expenditure by the four Tellers of the Exchequer, from November 26, 1587, to the 3rd of December following; the total sum remaining in the receipt of the Exchequer on the 3rd of December being 23,547*l.* 18*s.* 4½*d.*

Dec. 3. 6. The Queen to the Lords Lieutenants of Warwick, Leicester, and Middlesex. Directing them to select and equip 600 men in Warwick, 500 in Leicester, and 1,500 in Middlesex; to have them in readiness to serve on any sudden occasion.

Dec. 4. 7. Instructions given by the Council to Sir John Smithe and Mr Tuttie to view the state of the armour, furniture, and trained bands of the counties of Essex and Hertford; which were certified to be in readiness by the Earl of Leicester's Deputy Lieutenants, and of them to form a camp of 2,000 men on the confines of both counties, when they may be exercised as well to make their march as to lodge in camp, and so to be enabled to encounter with any enemy that shall offer to assail them.

Dec. 4. 8. Certificate of the money received by Robert Freke towards the furniture of certain light horses, with the names of the parties, probably the composition from Recusants.

Dec. 5. At her house, in St. Martin's. 9. Katherine Countess of Northumberland to Lord Burghley. Complains of the conduct of her son, the present Earl, who endeavoured by fraudulent means to bring about a marriage between Mr. John Wotton, a man of no good fame, and her eldest daughter. Wotton has ill treated and threatened the life of her servants. Assault by the Earl upon Mr. Francis Fitton. Desires that some order may be taken for his reformation.

Dec. 6. 10. Certificate of Henry Earl of Kent, Lieutenant-General of the county of Bedford, of all captains, officers, and soldiers within the same county, and how they and every of them are divided and appointed, and of their armour, weapon and furniture, as well horsemen as footmen, ready to march upon an hour's warning.

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Dec. 6. 11. Orders given by the Earl of Kent for the good ordering, using, and disposing of the captains, officers, and soldiers in the county of Bedford; for the preservation of their arms and armour, conduct in the field, days of training, &c.

Dec. 6. 12. Requests by Sir Thos. Leighton, Sir John Smith, and Ralph Lane, of such things as they desire to be embodied in the instructions and commissions they may receive from the Council, the better to enable them to execute the service of viewing and ordering the trained forces. They desire to have the title of colonels, and their subordinates to be called sergeant-majors.

Dec. 7. 13. Memorial of public business, by Burghley, from the 29th of November to the 7th of December:—Distribution of the forces of the realm. Captains to be sent into the several counties. Treasure for the North. Archibald Douglas. Low Countries. Supply of treasure, &c.

Dec. 7. Exeter. 14. The Earl of Bath and Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Devon to the Council. Report their proceedings in performing the instructions for defence of the county. Desire that some skilful persons may be sent to take the command of the army, and direct the construction of the fortifications on the coast. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Certificate of the view and muster of the armed men in the county of Devon, as well horsemen as footmen, now signified under the hands of William Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant, and others his deputies, amounting to* 6,200 *men, complete for service on foot, and* 200 *horsemen; out of which number* 5,000 *are selected and trained soldiers under the captains named.*

Dec. 9. Tower Hill. 15. Sir William Wynter and William Holstok to Lord Burghley. They have carefully observed the state of Her Majesty's Navy since 1585, and were perfectly satisfied that Mr. Hawkyns had faithfully performed all the conditions of his offer. List of ships repaired in dry dock, and new made, since April 1585, besides the ordinary reparations of ships and boats in harbour.

Dec. 10. 16. Release and acquittance by Thomasine Morfyld to William Carnsewe of all suits, debts, and demands in respect of the lands and tenements called Trewen, in the parish of St. Tudy, co. Cornwall.

Dec. 11. 17–23. Certificates of all the able men, furnished and unfurnished, and of armour and weapons, in several hundreds of the county of Southampton and the city of Winchester, viewed by the Earl of Sussex between the 7th and 11th of December. [*Seven certificates.*]

Dec. 11. 24. Certificate of the able men within the Hundred of Budlesgate, co. Southampton, allotted for the defence of the Isle of Wight.

Dec. 11. 25. General abstract of all the trained number within the Division of Fawley, under the leading and charge of Henry Gifford, Esq., mustered before the Earl of Sussex.

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Dec. 11. 26. Similar general abstract of all the trained and able men within the Division of Alton, under the charge and leading of Wm. Vuedall, Esq.

Dec. 11. Somerset House. 27. Warrant to the Exchequer. For payment of the expenses of the office of Ordnance in the Tower, the yearly warrant of 6,000*l.* not having been paid on account of the death of Sir Wm. Pelham; and for payment of 15 extra gunners at Portsmouth, at the rate of 8*d.* per diem.

Dec. 11. Somerset House. 28. Warrant to the Exchequer to issue to Raymond King and Thomas Twytt the sum of 1,000*l.*, to be employed in the intrenching and fortifying the town of Harwich, for the better strengthening of the same.

Dec. 12. Baconsthorp. 29. Sir William Heydon to Lord Burghley. Requesting his favorable opinion of a proposal for the better defence of the country.

Dec. 12. 30. Note of the money paid to John Hawkyns and the master shipwrights for mooring and repairing Her Majesty's ships in harbour.

Dec. 13. 31. Memorial by Lord Burghley of the conditions on which peace may be concluded with Spain.

Dec. 13. 32. Survey of the coast of Suffolk; state of the fortifications; facilities for landing of an enemy; suggestions for strengthening the defences.

Dec. 14. Ipswich. 33. The Bailiffs and Townsmen of Ipswich to the Council. A view has been taken of all the able men within the town, and the defects of the trained bands supplied.

Dec. 18. 34. Memorial by Lord Burghley of public business to be transacted:—Stay of Recusants. View of the forces. Treasure to be sent to the North. Sir. Wm. Fitzwilliams to be sent to Ireland, with Sir John Norreys. Charge of the Navy under the Lord Admiral and Sir Fr. Drake.

Dec. 19. 35. Note of the sums of money found in the chamber of John Launder, prisoner in the Clink.

Dec. 21. Somerset House. 36. Warrant to the Exchequer. For payment of the captains and gentlemen employed to assist the Lieutenants of the several shires: not to exceed the sum of 500*l.*

Dec. 21. 37. Warrant similar to the preceding: not to exceed 1,000*l.*

Dec. 21. 38. Note of extraordinary supplies furnished to the fleet at Chatham, according to the same proportion for Sir Fr. Drake in the West country.

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Dec. 21. St. John's. 39. Henry Sekeforde to Lord Burghley. Mr. Peter had told him there had been no acquittance given for the 8,000*l.* received by Sir Horatio Palavicino. Desires his honor's help in this matter, as he had given his acquittance for the same.

Dec. 21. Exeter. 40. Sir Walter Ralegh to Lord Burghley. Has attended the Earl of Bath, and conferred with the Deputy Lieutenants of Devon for the drawing together of 2,000 foot and 200 horse. Sir John Gilberte, Sir Rich. Greynvile, and the Earl himself, think it very feasible. Some of the Commissioners for Devon are infected in religion, and vehemently malcontent. Recommends that half the charge should be defrayed by Her Majesty. The citizens of Exeter as yet refuse to bear their part. *Incloses,*

40. 1. *Estimate of the charges of training* 2,000 *foot and* 200 *horse in Devon, Cornwall, the city of Exeter, and the Stannaries, for* 16 *days.* [*This inclosure was one of the "Conway Papers," given to the State Paper Office in* 1857, *by the Rt. Hon. John Wilson Croker, and must have been separated from Ralegh's original letter from Conway's time at least.*]

Dec. 21. Westminster. 41. Commission of Queen Elizabeth to Charles Lord Howard of Effingham, appointing him Lieutenant General and Commander-in-Chief of the Navy and Army prepared to the seas against Spain. Latin.

Dec. 22. On board the Bear. 42. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. Has entered on board the Bear. The provisions for the ships could not be taken in, because of the tempestuous weather. He finds as sufficient and able a company of sailors as ever was seen. Requests that they may have a month's pay in advance. Many great and extraordinary charges require that the whole of the warrant for the Navy, with 2,000*l.* additional, should be paid to Mr. Hawkyns. They have entered that day on the sea provisions.

Dec. 22. 43. The names of the captains who have charge of Her Majesty's ships, presently sent to the seas under the command of the Lord High Admiral.

Dec. 22. 44. Note of the powder delivered out of Her Majesty's stores for several services, from the 10th of April, 1587 to the 22nd of Dec. following, with the store remaining in hand.

Dec. 22. 45. Declaration of such number of ships and pinnaces as are already victualled to the seas for six weeks under the charge of the Lord High Admiral.

Dec. 23. 46. Declaration of all such numbers of ships and pinnaces as are already victualled and set to the seas in warlike manner, with the number of men in every of them particularly contained, under the charge of the Lord Admiral.

Dec. 23. London. 47. Sir John Norrys to [Tho. Wylkes]. That through the interposition of Mr. Dier a reconciliation had been almost perfected

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between him and the Earl of Leicester. The Earl is content not to charge him with anything touching Her Majesty's service, but only required satisfaction for some unkindness offered to him in the presence of Sir Amias Poulet. Has not been able to see Her Majesty before her departure, but would follow to-morrow, when he would solicit Her Majesty in Wylkes's behalf.

Dec. 23. At the Court. 48. Walsyngham to Wylkes. The Lord Steward's dislike of him had greatly increased on account of some unreverent speeches reported to have been spoken by him. Recommends him to seek means to move Leicester's displeasure.

Dec. 24. 49. The L[ord] Ch[ancellor?] to Tho. Wylkes. Advises him to make a humble petition to Her Majesty to the effect that understanding of his Lordship's [Leicester's] arrival, he had hastened to London to clear himself from any imputation, and to pray that his cause may be heard before the Council. This must be done with all speed, and delivered by one of the Maids of the Chamber.

Dec. 24. 50. Memoranda by Lord Burghley of the money received by John Hawkyns and Mr. Quarles upon the warrant of the 4th of November, for the service of the Navy.

Dec. 25. Dover. 51. Edward Morys to Lord Burghley. Reports intelligence gained on the Continent. Proceeding of Colonel Symple, a Scotchman, with the Duke of Parma. French news. Brutality and ill-conduct of the Irish in the Spanish service: they are called by the Spaniards "*los sauvages perdidos.*" Celebration of St. Andrews eve at Bruges by Parma and many of the nobility. Quarrel among the Spanish noblemen as to great governments in England. Names of English pensioners in Spain. Relation of Stanley's treason in delivering up Deventer. That Don Antonio might easily be restored to his throne. Many other details.

Dec. 25. 52. Lord Buckhurst to Burghley. Knows not how to make the thankfulness of his heart known to him. Will send him the copy of Mr. Secretary's letter to-morrow.

Dec. 26. 53. Note of absolutions and testimonials granted to William Goodwyn and Brigett Palmer. Testimonials from Doway. Popish books, a whip of five cords, and pictures of the Virgin and Saviour.

Dec. 27. Stone, in Staffordshire. 54. Earl of Derby to Walsyngham. Hopes he will soon recover his former health. Had examined a Scot named James Midleton taken at Lichfield by the Dean, who was accused of calling himself a Stewart and King of Scotland, and took upon him the curing of the falling-sickness by a special power. Suspects him to be a spy and a frequenter of Papists' houses. *Incloses,*

54. I. *Interrogatories whereupon James Midleton was examined.*

54. II. *The examination and answers of James Midleton to the preceding interrogatories.*

54. III. *The manner of curing the falling-sickness as practised by James Midleton, according to his own confession.*

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Dec. 29. 55. A brief of the requests contained in the petitions of the Merchants Adventurers, touching the English trade with Hamborough and the north of Germany.

Dec. 30. 56. The names of certain gentlemen appointed to repair into sundry shires to view the forces and to assist the Lieutenant, with their entertainments per diem.

Dec. 30. 57. Note of the allowance to be received by the gentlemen appointed to view the forces in the several shires.

Dec. 31. 58. Certificate by the four Tellers of the receipt of the Exchequer from the 16th to the 31st of December.

Dec. 31. 59. A brief of the account of James Quarles, surveyor general of victuals for the Navy for the half-year ending the last day of December 1857, declaring the particular charge of every ship victualled, both in harbour and at sea.

Dec. 60. An abstract made out of the general certificates, delivered under the hands of the Aldermen, of all the able persons for service from the age of 16 to 60, as well English as strangers, resident within their several Wards in the city of London, together with the number of persons suspected for religion within the same wards.

Dec. 61. A discourse on the policy to be pursued by England in the war with Spain; that the only way to obtain a lasting peace would be by a determined and resolute war. The best means of conducting it. A fleet of six ships to be kept constantly stationed off the coast of Spain, with six smaller ships to attend them. Names of such ships, with those remaining at home for service.

Dec. 62. Articles of instructions by Lord Burghley, Lieutenant of the county of Lincoln, to Charles Lord Willoughby of Parham, Sir Thomas Cecill, Sir Edward Dymocke, and Sir Anthony Thorold, his Deputy Lieutenants, for their present proceeding in the execution of their charge in the training, mustering, and arming the forces of that county: Lord Willoughby and Sir Edw. Dymocke to take charge of Lindsey Division, and Sir Tho. Cecill and Sir A. Thorold the Divisions of Kesteven and Holland.

Dec. 63. Note of such proportions of powder and match as are to be made by the Cinque Ports and corporate towns in various counties, and which have made provision accordingly.

Dec. 64. A breviat of the powder delivered at various corporate towns.

Dec.? 65. François Le Pappe, Bernard Grave, and others, French merchants, to the Council. That they may be permitted to continue their suit in the Court of Admiralty for the recovery of goods and merchandise taken by the English. French.

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1587. Dec. 66. A note of the rents belonging to Elizabeth Lady Russell in the town of Carlisle.

Dec.? 67. Inconveniences which may arise by restraint of the exportation of undressed cloths from Suffolk.

Dec.? 68. Treatise on the practice of granting arms in England, being no ways hurtful to the Commonwealth. By Robert Glover, Somerset Herald. A fragment.

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1587? 69. An entry book of forms of letters, warrants, grants, recommendations, &c., probably for the use of and belonging to Lord Treasurer Burghley. The entries are without date, and the latest assignable one (p. 27) appears to be a letter from Burghley to the Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, recommending them to elect Dr. C[apcotes] as their master in place of Robert N[orgate] deceased.

70. Warrant by Queen Elizabeth to Lord Burghley. To suffer a certain number of tons of iron ordnance to be exported for the use of the States General.

71. Examination of James Tobyn, late servant to Sir William Stanley, as to the keeping of Her Majesty's soldiers in Ireland, as his domestic servants, they at the same time receiving the Queen's pay.

72. The answer of the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer to the complaint or petition of Sir Jerom Bowes, as to the sum of 55*l.* claimed by him on the supposed testament of Dame Elizabeth Harte: fraudulent dealing of Bowes in the said will. Desires that the cause may be tried at law.

73. Notes in Lord Burghley's hand of the opinions of ancient philosophers on the justice of defensive war.

74. Information of Priests and Recusants residing in London. Robert Gage's lodging at a tailor's new house in Chancery Lane, where are divers bad persons lodged; Swithen Wells in Southampton House; Vaudrey's lodging at the Mermaid in Fleet Street; Doctor Johnson's house in Fleet Street, &c.

75. Another list of names, probably of Papists residing in London. Robert Gage at the new tailor's house; Mr. Vaudrey at the Mermaid. Search for Henry Donne, whose lodging is over against Sir Chr. Hatton's.

76. Note of Priests confined in Wisbeach and the Tower of London, with particulars of the charges against them.

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77. Confession of Swithen Wells, a recusant, concerning the places of his abode, and his dealings with the Recusants. Periods of his being in prison.

78. Names of such English Captains as serve under the enemy in the Low Countries, and are desirous to get passports to come over into England; most dangerous papists, and thought to be bloody men, not fit to have any liberty in England. Scudamore the priest is gone to Mr. Seaborne's in Herefordshire.

79. Request of John Young, one of the messengers of Her Majesty's chamber, for allowance for riding post to Plymouth, to arrest and bring up in custody John Hampton, master of the Primrose.

80. Secret advertisements from the French correspondent. Proceedings of the English Recusants in France. Practices of the Recusants and foreigners in England. "*Dieu saulve la bonne Royne "d'Angleterre avec son bon Conseil.*"

81. Abstract of subsidies and tenths to be paid by the Bishops, estimated at the rates of 18*d.* and 12*d.* in the £.

82. Petition of Roger Norwodde, of Great Torrington, co. Devon to the Council. Injuries sustained by his ship the Zeraphine, from the French ship of war called the Grand Bryseck of Newhaven. Requests letters to make stay of some Frenchmen's goods, or letters of licence, to be revenged as he may.

83. Remarks upon the evidence and proceedings of the Grand Jury upon the indictment of Recusants, particularly in the case of Mr. Sheldon.

84. Petition of John Mockett in the name of the inhabitants of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Solicits a supply of 10 or 12 pieces of ordnance, with provision of powder and munition for defence of their town.

85. Names of Justices of the Peace left out of commission in several counties on account of their wives' recusancy.

86. Offer of Thomas Dawes to sell 300 quarters of Norfolk wheat at 47*s.* the quarter; the wheat is in London ready to be laid into the Bridge House.

87. Petition of Matthew Hart to Walsyngham. That having been the first to come away from Sir Wm. Stanley, he had been promised to be engaged in some profitable employment, on which he has long depended.

88. Petition of Edward Fisher, a distressed prisoner in the Fleet, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Complains of the hard dealing and insolences of Joachim Newton, deputy warden of the Fleet, by whom he was kept close prisoner for not paying fees to him; he having paid them to Mr. Tyrrell, the chief warden.

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89. Note of the sums allowed for building the ships Rainbow and Vanguard, and two pinnaces, by Peter Pett and Matthew Baker, with amount expended.

90. Latin verses addressed to Daniel Rogers, commencing
" Exceptum festo, Rogeri facunde, paratu
Ecce beas numeris insuper innumeris."

91. Latin verses by Daniel Rogers—*" Ad Pub. Virgilium Maronem, Britaniam extra orbem ponentem."*

92. Petition of Agnes Carter to Sir F. Walsyngham. Solicits the restoration of the goods and books of William Carter, her son, now remaining prisoner in the Tower. Prays he may be removed from the Tower to the Gatehouse.

93. "Index sive Catalogus librorum quos ego Jacobus Strada " partim ipsemet meo marte composui, partim meis sumptibus et im- " pensis componi et scribi curavi, partim denique alio modo " conquisivi et comparavi." Latin. [*An elaborate explication of Strada's works, indorsed by a foreign hand, " Index librorũ Jacobi Strada ad Sereniss. Regina." Strada died Sept.* 1588.]

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A volume consisting wholly of petitions, memorials, statements, orders, letters, &c. relating to the family disputes and controversies between the Earl of Shrewsbury on the one part, and the Countess his wife, and Henry Cavendysshe, William Cavendysshe, and Sir Charles Cavendysshe, her sons by her former husband, on the other part. These family disputes extended over a long period of time; notices of them incidentally occur in previous years, and are inserted in their proper places in the Calendar. Many papers occur in this volume to which satisfactory dates could not be assigned: those with dates take the precedence. On the 8th of December, 1585, an order was made by Lord Burghley and Sir F. Walsyngham, upon the petitions of the Countess and her younger sons [*see Vol.* 185, *No.* 11.]; with reference to a former order pronounced by the Queen in April 1585.

Jan. 31. Sheffield.

1. The Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. His disputes with the Countess his wife. Desires some public submission and retractation of her slanderous speeches to be made by her. He must bend his mind to trouble, though his years do otherwise move him. Desires the deliverance of Tho. Baldwin from the Tower.

Sept. ?

2. The humble petition of Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe to Walsyngham that the Earl of Shrewsbury may cease his actions

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against William Cavendysshe and Henry Beresford, according to the Queen's order; and that the witnesses of the Cavendysshes may be fully examined upon all points.

March 5. Sheffield. 3. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen. Has received her gracious letter for the staying of his two suits, the one against William Cavendysshe, his wife's son, the other against Beresford, her man; which did not preclude him from proceeding against Charles Cavendysshe nor against Beresford upon the Statute of *Scandalis Magnatum*. Particulars of the seditious slander published against him by Beresford.

Mar. 18? 4. Depositions by Peter Bysse and Richard Ridler relative to the injurious words spoken by Henry Beresford against the Earl of Shrewsbury; given in evidence on trial at the York Assizes.

March 19. Rowthorne. 5. Hercules Claye, servant of the Countess of Shrewsbury, to Lady Shrewsbury. Reports the proceedings of the suit against Mr. Basford [Henry Beresford?] at the York Assizes, which had been conducted with great partiality. No serjeant could be retained against the Earl of Shrewsbury.

March 25. 6. Sir Charles Cavendysshe to Walsyngham. The Queen had sent for him to know how the matter stood between the Earl of Shrewsbury and them. Sends notes of the case, so that he may be able to acquaint Her Majesty with the differences existing. *Incloses,*

6. 1. *Notes of the case as it stands at present between the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury and the Cavendysshes.*

7. Heads of Her Majesty's order between the Earl of Shrewsbury on the one part and the Countess his wife and Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe on the other.

May 12. Greenwich. 8. The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Expresses her earnest desire that all controversies between him and the Countess and her younger sons, should cease, and by her mediation be brought to some good end and accord; his years requiring repose, especially of the mind. Has consulted with the Lord Chancellor and Earl of Leicester, and in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Burghley, and Secretary Walsyngham, and pronounced an order, which she much desired should be observed. *Incloses,*

8. 1. *Certain things pronounced by Her Majesty as orders to be performed by the Earl of Shrewsbury in the causes of controversy betwixt him and the Countess his wife. Greenwich, May* 8, 1586.

May 12. 9, 10, 11. Three copies of the above letter and order.

May 12? 12. Abstract of Her Majesty's order between the Earl of Shrewsbury on the one part and the Countess his wife and Sir Charles and Wm. Cavendysshe on the other part, concluded by the mediation of the Lord Chancellor and the Earl of Leicester.

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1586-7. May 12? 13. Another copy of the preceding, with marginal notes by Sir Ch. Cavendysshe.

March? 14. Objections by the Countess to the Earl of Shrewsbury's answers, who has not obeyed the Queen's last letter: he displaces sundry tenants and means to continue the suits.

June 15. Chelsey. 15. Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Desires him to favor his suit to Her Majesty against the Countess his wife, that she may be banished from the Court, now that she hath so openly manifested her devilish disposition in maintaining and defending her wicked servant Beresford, in the defamation of his house and name. Is ashamed to think of his choice of such a creature. Begs Walsyngham to influence his son Gilbert Talbot to leave that wicked woman's company.

June 22. Serjeants' Inn. 16. Mr. Justice Clenche to Sir Christopher Hatton. Report of proceedings before him at the York Assizes against Mr. Beresford on the statute "De Scandal Magnat" prosecuted by the Earl of Shrewsbury.

June? 17. Petition of the Countess of Shrewsbury to the Council. Denies the charges of the Earl against her that she had ever maintained her servant Beresford against him, and only knew of the imputation of treason by the evidence of the two brothers Ridlers at York Assizes.

June? 18. Note by Sir Ch. Cavendysshe on the force and effect of the Queen's order, which was intended to produce a united reconcilement and cohabitation.

July 16. 19. Note of the yearly allowances which the Earl gave to the Countess of Shrewsbury, when they cohabited together; and of the losses sustained by her and her sons, by means of the Earl.

July? 20. Causes showed by the Earl of Shrewsbury why he should not cohabit with the Countess his wife, she having of her own will departed from him, and now offereth to come home again. It appeareth by her words and deeds that she doth deadly hate him and hath called him knave, fool, and beast to his face, and hath mocked and mowed at him.

July? 21. Memorandum by Sir C. Cavendysshe of the principal points desired:—that the Countess go down in the Earl's company, and that the lands allotted may wholly revert to the Cavendysshes again.

Aug. 7. Richmond. 22. Order made by Lord Chancellor Bromley and the Lord Treasurer, by the Queen's commandment, in the controversy between the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury. Which being reported to Her Majesty, she called the Earl and his wife unto her, and in many good words showed herself very glad thereof, and the Earl and Countess in good sort departed together very comfortably.

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1586–7. March 29. 23. Order pronounced by Her Majesty between the Earl of Shrewsbury and the Countess his wife, in the presence of me the secretary: signed by Walsyngham.

March 29. 24–29. Six contemporary copies of the above; slightly differing from each other.

April 10. 30. Certain articles which the Countess of Shrewsbury desires may be inserted in the late order made by Her Majesty between her and the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Oct. 6. Wingfield. 31. The Countess of Shrewsbury to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his letter sent by her son, Wm. Cavendysshe. Complains of the conduct of her husband, the Earl, who has not been down to her above three times, and has now withdrawn all his provisions, not suffering her also to have sufficient fire, contrary to the assurances made to Her Majesty.

UNDATED PAPERS IN THE SHREWSBURY CONTROVERSIES.

32. Declaration by Geo. Skargell, Hercules Claye, and others, servants of the Cavendish family, of the circumstances attending the coming of the Earl of Shrewsbury to Chatsworth, and being forcibly withstood and denied entrance by Wm. Cavendysshe. [*Probably in July* 1584.]

33. Remembrances whereof Her Majesty is to be informed for the Earl of Shrewsbury: his motives for making the deed of gift to Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe; his being forcibly denied entrance into Chatsworth by Wm. Cavendysshe. Ill-treatment by his wife and her servants.

34. The answer of William Cavendysshe to such matters as he is charged with by the Earl of Shrewsbury, in resisting with halberd in hand and pistol under his girdle, the Earl's entrance into Chatsworth. Answers to various other points of the family differences.

35. The Council to the Earl of Shrewsbury. Inform him of their dealings with Wm. Cavendysshe on his complaint, and had committed him to prison, thinking it not meet that a man of his mean quality should use himself in a contemptuous sort against one of his lordship's station and quality. The Queen desires he should suffer the Cavendishes to enjoy their own lands unmolested.

36. Note, in Walsyngham's hand, of the differences between the Earl of Shrewsbury and the Countess, as to the amount of rent to be paid by certain tenants.

37. The Countess of Shrewsbury's memorial for an order to be taken between her and the Earl.

38. The Earl of Shrewsbury's offer for settlement of the disputes; to settle 1,500*l.* a year on the Countess, and Chatsworth House

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and other lands, under certain conditions. Specification of lands left to the Countess by her former husbands, and the lands conveyed to her three sons.

39, 40. Exceptions taken against certain parcels of land comprised in the Earl's offer: tithes of certain lands. [*Two papers.*]

41. Answer of the Earl of Shrewsbury to the exceptions taken against the lands comprised in his offer.

42. A short declaration of the grievances of Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe, and their humble petition for reformation of such wrongs and recompense of such losses as they have sustained by the Earl of Shrewsbury and his officers. Praying that the lamentable state of their mother and of themselves may be considered.

43. Another copy, with slight additions.

44. Grievances of Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe in numerous insults and assaults upon them and their servants by the servants and followers of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

45. A brief answer made to the articles of the Earl of Shrewsbury touching the revenues which he supposeth the Countess of Shrewsbury and her sons have, with certain necessary notes thereunto added. Statement of lands settled upon the two sons by the Earl's deed. Lands assured to Henry Cavendysshe, the Earl's son-in-law.

46. A rate of the yearly value of such lands, &c., as the Cavendishes have right to, whereof they are dispossessed by the Earl of Shrewsbury; to be delivered to the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Secretary.

47. A note of such losses and hindrances as the Countess and the Cavendishes have endured for these three years last past.

48. Request by the Earl of Shrewsbury for certain things for his son-in-law, Henry Cavendysshe: all stuff to be brought back again to Chatsworth and left to the said Henry and his wife. Assurance of certain lands. His debts to be paid by the Countess his mother.

49. Particulars of the value of certain leases and tithes, with legal opinion that the grantees having broken the conditions, all the lands and goods revert to the Earl.

50. Objections made to the considerations set down to prove the reasonableness of the deed of gift. Value of lands settled on Gilbert Lord Talbot on his marriage with the Countess's daughter; and statement of the lands settled on Henry Cavendysshe, her eldest son, on his marriage with the Earl's daughter.

51. Notes touching a reconcilement between the Earl of Shrewsbury and his wife; with reference to Her Majesty's former order before the Lord Chancellor and the Earl of Leicester.

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52, 53. Note of the lands held and purchased by Lady Shrewsbury. Lands held in possession by Henry Cavendysshe, her eldest son, by William Cavendysshe, her second son, and by Sir Charles Cavendysshe. [*Two copies.*]

54. Note of lands purchased by the Countess of Shrewsbury since her marriage with the Earl. Terms of her jointures.

55. A breviate of the points proved by Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe touching a deed of assurance to them made by the Earl of Shrewsbury, of their mother's goods and lands, now called in question by the Earl.

56. Another paper, with the same title as the above, but not a duplicate.

57. Answer for Sir Charles Cavendysshe and his brother William to the late reply of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

58. A true declaration and estimate of such losses, of most value, as were of late sustained by Sir Charles and William Cavendysshe, by the means and dealings of the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, used as well to the Countess their mother as to themselves, or by the occasion of the troubles betwixt his lordship and them; whereof they crave consideration to be had, and to be recompensed by his lordship.

59. Specification of certain articles of plate, new year's gifts, household utensils, rich hangings, linen, and jewels charged by the Earl to the account of his wife; with the answers of the Countess to the several particulars, and upon the whole that the value was a mere trifle for such a rich nobleman to bestow upon his wife in nineteen years.

60. Certain orders to be set down by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, to be observed by the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury. The Earl to receive his wife and take probation of her obedience for one year, and if she prove forgetful of her duty, then to place her in her house at Chatsworth. Rents and assurance of lands. Stay of all actions for plate, jewels, and hangings.

61. Requests of the Countess upon the above orders, that Her Majesty would appoint some one to be an eye witness in house with the Earl and herself; not to be confined to Chatsworth only; receipt of rents, &c. Beseeches Her Majesty to conclude her honorable and godly work without loss of time.

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Jan. 1. 1. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Tho. Wylkes. Advises him by all means to seek a reconciliation with the Lord Steward [Leicester]. An accord is attempted between Leicester and Buckhurst. The Earl's best friends at court urged him to seek reconcilement, otherwise he will not long enjoy the Queen's good opinion.

Jan. 2. Lichfield. 2. Dr. Geo. Boleyn, Dean of Lichfield, and James Weston to the Council. Their proceedings in the examination of James Midleton, who pretended to cure the falling sickness, not by physic or surgery, but yet by godly means. Other matters concerning the state have transpired. *Inclosing,*

2. I. *Interrogatories for the examination of James Midleton, as to his deceitful practice to cure people of the falling sickness. Dec.* 27, 1587.

2. II. *Answers of James Midleton to the preceding interrogatories. His birth, residence, and travels, and the houses where he has been received.*

2. III., IV. *Further interrogatories for the examination of James Midleton, as to his practice for the falling sickness, with his answers to the same.*

2. V. *Depositions of James Midleton taken on the 29th of December, from which he appears to be a Scottish spy.*

2. VI. *Declaration of James Midleton concerning the state of Scotland, and the secret parliaments held at Edinburgh and Caithness, wherein it was agreed that they should invade England with the assistance of* 50,000 *Spaniards; with the names of the Scottish Lords and Lairds present, who conspired against Her Majesty and the realm of England. Dec.* 30, 1587.

2. VII. *The names of the Scottish Lords who would not subscribe to the aforesaid conspiracy. Dec.* 30.

Jan. 3. Lichfield. 3. The Dean of Lichfield to Walsyngham. Gives an account of the examination of James Midleton, and the manner in which they discovered his imposture in pretending to have the power of curing the falling-sickness, and the detection of him to be a Scottish spy. They have sent him up to London to be further examined as to the conspiracy in Scotland against Her Majesty. *Incloses,*

3. I. *The manner of curing the falling sickness as James Midleton doth practice it, by his own confession.*

3. II. *John Throgmarton to Nicholas Bull. Advises him to release the man [Midleton] from prison, and to have no dealings with him.*

Jan. 3. From prison in Paris. 4. Gilbert Giffard to his uncle, Hugh Offley. Requests him to apply to his father to send him some money to help him out of prison. French.

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Jan. ? 5. ℣ [Gilbert Giffard] to Henry Willsdon. Their correspondence has been discovered and some of their letters intercepted. Was arrested on Friday before Christmas Day. His cypher was also found. Has been several times examined. His accusers lay the death of the Queen of Scots to his charge. Lack of money will be his greatest hindrance.

Jan. 5. 6. An account of Her Majesty's ships, with the names of their captains and number of men. Ships in the fleet under command of the Lord Admiral, Sir Henry Palmer in the Narrow Seas, and Sir Francis Drake.

Jan. 6. 7. The limitation of the charge of the ships to continue in charge under the Lord Admiral, Palmer, and Drake. The number of men and money to be allowed for the ships at the several stations.

Jan. 9. 8. An estimate of the charge of the ships serving under Sir. Fr. Drake, westward.

Jan. 13. Clapham. 9. Dr. Bartholomew Clerk to Lord Burghley. Requests payment of 182*l.* due to him for his late service in the Low Countries. Great distress is endured from the delay of payment for faithful and careful services, to his great discomfiture, for the payment of the troops.

Jan. 13. 10. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. After having so many months sustained her indignation, beseeches her to behold with the eyes of her princely clemency his wretched and depressed estate, and to restore him to some degree of Her Majesty's former grace, and favor.

Jan. 15. [Paris.] 11. Gilbert Giffard to Henry Willsdon. Has written to him once since his imprisonment, wherein he had detailed the origin of his present state. The wisest counsellors of Paris assure him of speedy liberty. He (Willsdon) knows best of any man for whom he suffers.

Jan. 16. Greenwich. 12. Mrs. Bridget Carre to Tho. Wykes (*sic* q. Wylkes). Has delivered his petition to Her Majesty, which she at first refused to look at, but afterwards promised to peruse it.

Jan. 17. Stirchley. 13. George Blakeney to Daniel Rogers. Has received possession of the house and lands of Dodicotes to his use.

Jan. 16. Queenborough. 14. John Hawkyns to [Burghley]. Has paid off those who were discharged, and reduced the number of mariners as directed by his lordship. The Revenge, Swiftsure, and Aid, had passed the Land's End. The Lord Admiral had gone to visit Dover, Harwich, and other places. List of great ships remaining at Queenborough.

Jan. 20. Brightwell. 15. Edmund Dunche to the Council. Restraint of Recusants in the county of Berks. The Commissioners are unwilling to join with him in this service, as their commission had been returned into the Exchequer for amendment.

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Jan. 22. Holte. 16. Sir Edward Clere and Sir William Heydon to the Council. Report their proceedings for the restraining of the principal Recusants in the county of Norfolk. Many of the Recusants had absented themselves from their houses. *Inclosing,*

16. I. *Certificate of the names of Recusants in the county of Norfolk.*

[Jan. 22.] 17. The conditions of the contract with Mr. John Hawkyns for the maintenance of the Navy.

Jan. 22. 18. Report by Peter Pett and Mathew Baker, Her Majesty's shipwrights, on examination of the contract of Mr. John Hawkyns for the maintenance of the Royal Navy, how far it is performed and accomplished.

Jan. 22. Wrest. 19. Earl of Kent to the Council. Report of his proceedings for restraint of the principal Recusants in Bedfordshire. Desires to know how he is to proceed against those women who are Recusants, some whereof are widows and others married to husbands that are conformable in religion.

Jan. 23. 20. Gilbert Giffard to Walsyngham (?). Has, by a wile, conveyed a letter to him, and one in French to his uncle Offley. All the malice of his enemies cannot prevail. Has suffered much, but would endure a thousand deaths rather than offend his honor. Is in want of money. Thus much by stealth.

Jan. 23. Paris. 21. Same to his uncle Hugh Offley. Has written to him, but never received any answer. Requests him to write to his father or to some of his relations. French.

Jan. 24. On board the Bear. 22. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Does not know what to think of his brother Stafford's advertisement, for if it is true that the army of Spain was dissolved it would not be needful for Her Majesty to continue her present charges. The King of Spain did not think England would have been so well prepared to receive him. Advises the augmentation of the fleet in the Narrow Seas for three or four months.

Jan. 24. Butley. 23. The Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Survey of the coast by Captain Turner. Names of the places necessary to be fortified and furnished with ordnance. Request that Her Majesty would be pleased to contribute 1,000*l.* towards the fortifying of Alborough and other places on the coast, and the county would contribute the rest. Order taken with the Recusants.

Jan. 24. Winchester. 24. Capt. Nicholas Dawtrey to Walsyngham State of Hampshire. Great difference of opinion between the Marquis of Winchester and the Earl of Sussex touching the defences of the shire. The county is not prepared as it ought to be. Has not been able to muster the forces of the shire, and doubted if he ever should, without strict commandment from the Council. It is thought the Earl of Sussex has made a dangerous choice of some captains for Portsmouth.

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Jan. 26. 25. Detailed certificate of the whole forces of the county of Kent, to attend upon Lord Cobham, the Lord Lieutenant of the county. The number of able men, horse and foot, amounting to 12,654 men; not including 1,000 men to be furnished by the Cinque Ports. 300 argulators, or shot, on horseback.

Jan. 26. 26. Brief abstract of the above certificate.

Jan. 27. 27. Estimate of the charge for revictualling Her Majesty's Navy, including 2,094 men serving in 20 of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces, for 31 days, from the 13th of February next to the 14th of March following, which ships are at Queenborough and in the Narrow Seas.

Jan. 27. 28. ℣ [Gilbert Giffard] to his cousin Barnes (superscribed to Mr. Henry Willsdon). Knows by a friend's letter that he is acquainted with his imprisonment. Has been questioned on certain points of all matters passed betwixt him and certain persons in England. They blame him for writing to Phelippes. Desires to hear from him, and to be made acquainted with certain particulars. Is not sorry his cyphers have been taken.

Jan. 27. 29. Robert Petre to Lord Burghley. Requests a warrant for payment of money owing in the Office of the Works. There are many suitors for payment of the Irish debts out of the forthcoming warrant.

Jan. 27. The White Bear. 30. Lord Admiral Howard to Walsyngham. Thanks him for writing to him. Has had letters from Sir Fr. Drake. Hopes he may be deceived in the Scottish King; but of him and the French King and King of Spain he has made a Trinity that he intends never to trust to. Since England was England there never was such a stratagem and mask made to deceive England as this treaty of peace. Hopes we shall not have cause to curse for this a long grey beard with a white head. Walsyngham will know who is meant.

Jan. 28. 31. Same to same. Informs him that Captain Morgayne was sick in London. If there should be any cessation of arms, there would be no need of him and the noblemen remaining at sea. That many of the bravest men had gone abroad, and might not easily be collected again. If it were not for Her Majesty's presence, he would rather live in company of his noble ships than in any other place.

Jan. 28. 32. List of Her Majesty's ships appointed to remain at Queenborough, and of those in the Narrow Seas under Sir H. Paliner.

Jan. 28. 33. Accounts of the receipts and issues of the four Tellers of the Exchequer for the two weeks ending 28 January.

Jan. 28. London. 34. Sir Henri Nevell to Sir Francis Knollys, Treasurer of the Household. There is no such Commission for Recusants as that referred to in the Council's letters directed to the Sheriff and the

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Commissioners. It cannot be ascertained who are Recusants till the next Assizes, as the names of the Recusants indicted and the indictments themselves had been carried away by the Clerk of the Assizes. Recommends that the Justices of the Peace should be directed to certify the names of the Recusants.

Jan. 29. 35. Conditions demanded by James Quarles, surveyor of victuals for the Navy, on which he is willing to undertake the victualling of the Navy. Desires possession of all Her Majesty's brewhouses and storehouses, the same as Mr. Baeshe had.

Jan. 30. 36. Mr. Cotton's estimate of the charge for the works at Portsmouth for three months ended the 27th of January. Mr. Cotton lieth at the Queen's Head in Southwark.

Jan. 30. Sheffield. 37. [Earl of Shrewsbury ?] to [the Commissioners for Recusants ?] in the county of Stafford. Severely reprimanding them for their negligence in not certifying the names of the Recusants in the shire. Directs them to arrest and place in custody certain Recusants named.

Jan. 30. The Savoy. 38. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. That he had conferred with Sir Tho. Sherley touching the rates for the soldiers' apparel. Desires him to procure warrants for payment of the captains and companies serving in Ostend.

Jan. 31. Paris. 39. Charles Paget (under the signature of *Nauris*) to —— Berden. Rails against Gilbert Giffard and Thomas Phelippes, in whose letters there is much knavery found in practising the death of the Queen of Scots. Secretary Walsyngham has also been a great instrument therein. All his alphabets (or cyphers) have been intercepted by Paget. Giffard remains in the Bishop's prison in Paris. Death of Sir Charles Arundell, who for four days before his death was very troubled in his mind. When the day of invasion happens, the proudest Councillor or Minister in England will be glad of the favour of a Catholic gentleman. The proposed treaty between King Philip and Queen Elizabeth is merely to gain time on both sides. Publication of missals and breviaries.

Jan. 31. 40. Names of the principal Recusants in the county of Kent. Chr. Morgan and other prisoners at Canterbury, of small value: Richard Culpepper, Sir Alexander Culpepper, &c.

Jan. 41. Abstracts of the certificates of trained bands in certain counties, with the names of their captains, as also of the other bands lately reduced under captains, and how they are furnished with weapons.

Jan. 42. The names of such gentlemen as were appointed to take the view of the trained bands in sundry counties, with their entertainments.

Jan. ? 43. Memoranda by Lord Burghley of directions for defence of the realm:—The whole Navy to be ready to go out of the Thames by the 10th of March. Soldiers to be in readiness upon the coasts.

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Two persons to be sent to Lisbon for intelligence. The Earl of Leicester to solicit the States of Holland to furnish a power of ships to attend on the Queen's Navy.

Jan.? 44. Advertisement, in Adm. Howard's hand, of the number of ships in the several Spanish ports.

Jan.? 45. Reasons to prove that leases and copyholds are to be charged in subsidies, as well as lands and goods.

Feb. 1. The White Bear. 46. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Perceives by the letters of the Lord Treasurer and the Lord Steward the great preparations in Dunkirk for Scotland. Scotland is the mark they shoot at. Would rather be torn in pieces by wild horses than that the enemy should pass through for Scotland. Evil policy of reducing the number of men in the fleet at this time. The enemy now make but little reckoning of us, and know that we are but like bears tied to stakes, and they may come like dogs to offend us.

Feb. 1. The Bonadventure. 47. John Hawkyns to same. Has long seen the malicious practices of the Papists to bring this realm to papistry, and consequently to servitude, poverty, and slavery. Some good may be done at last; to remain in the present state is impossible. The only way to gain a solid peace is by a determined and resolute war. His opinion on the way to conduct it. Six of Her Majesty's principal ships accompanied with six smaller vessels should be kept constantly off the coast of Spain.

Feb. 2. 48. [Gilbert Giffard] to [Walsyngham?]. Ventures a little into the depths of this tragedy. Is promised his liberty, on condition to conform himself and to meddle no more with those of England. Desires to hear from him, and vows unalterable faithfulness, and that he will never swerve from his direction. Has great offers if he will cease dealing with England.

Feb. 4? 49. Note of the contributions of the foreign Churches in London; their desire to be excused from any extraordinary charges. French.

Feb. 5. Cobham Hall. 50. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Requests that Sir Alexander Culpepper and William Turwhit, two Recusants of that county, may be committed to the custody of his brother Sir Henry Cobham.

Feb. 5. 51. Proposal for reducing the price of beer and ale, for supply of Her Majesty's household. Mr. Vernon's offer.

Feb. 5. 52. List of the ships to be in order of service with their full complements of men, serving under the Lord Admiral and Sir Henry Palmer. Names of ships to remain at Chatham.

Feb. 5. 53. Estimate of the charge of the ships with Sir Fr. Drake, and for victualling those under the Lord Admiral and Sir Henry Palmer.

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Feb. 6 ? 54. Instructions (in Phelippes's hand) to Gerard Gyffarde. To address himself to Lord Pagett and Throkmerton and acquaint them with the causes of his brother's captivity. They will accuse him of betraying the Catholic cause and other crimes. Excuses to be made for him. His connection with Babington and Ballard and dealings with the Queen of Scots left him no other course but to confess to Sec. Walsyngham to a certain extent. To effect his brother's liberation if possible.

[Feb. 6.] 55. Notes of foreign advices in Lord Burghley's hand:—Preparations in Spain. The Duke Sta. Cruce was dead and the Duke of Sidonia was appointed to succeed him. Maximilian taken prisoner by the Chancellor of Polonia. Two Catholic cantons of Switzerland turned to Protestant. Mario Bandino sent from the French King to Rome to borrow money but could get none.

Feb. 6. 56. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Fears that the hard answer given to the Hollanders may induce them to make an underhand peace with the king of Spain or cause the defection of some of the provinces. Recommends that some private persons should be instructed to persuade them that Her Majesty would not entertain any peace which should not secure to them the most liberal terms. Mr. Horsey, the receiver of the duchy of Lancaster, is like to die.

Feb. 8. [Paris?] 57. Gilbert Giffard to Henry Willsdon. He will hardly believe how traitorously some have dealt with him. Is sure the ambassador (Sir Ed. Stafford) has been the only cause of his trouble, and who will do nothing for him. Expects his liberty daily. Information of several persons. When at liberty, will inform him of some other secrets which now he dare not venture.

Feb. 8. Hardwick. 58. Francis Cromwell, Sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon, to the Council. Certifies his proceeding in restraining the Recusants of Cambridge and Huntingdon. Desires to be instructed how to proceed against the women recusants, whom he durst not presume to apprehend without further direction. *Incloses,*

58. I. *Certificate of the Recusants within the county of Cambridge, with the names of those who were committed by Mr. F. Cromwell.*

58. II. *Certificate of the Recusants within the county of Huntingdon and of those who were committed.*

Feb. 9. 59. Lord Buckhurst to Walsyngham. Requests him to procure permission from Her Majesty for his attendance at court, as he thought it would be the easiest means of giving the Lord Steward satisfaction.

Feb. 9. 60. Note of the numbers of men to be furnished by the several counties in England and Wales, for an army of footmen.

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Feb. 10. The Court. 61. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Daniel Rogers, Clerk of the Council. Desires him to look at Sheriff Ketcher's house as fit for the reception of the King of Denmark's servant. Her Majesty is offended and sorrowful that no better place than a common hostelry was provided for him.

Feb. 10. 62. Debts owing by Her Majesty to divers merchants, artificers, and others within the Office of Ordnance for the year ending the last of December, 1857. Names of various gunfounders.

Feb. 10. Paris. 63. Charles Paget (*Nauris*) to Berden. Thanks for the horse mentioned in his former letter. Directions for sure correspondence. Giffard remains as he did; he deserves well to lose his life, and had he been in Rome or Spain he should have done so. Great preparations for war in Spain, Flanders, and elsewhere, the effects of which will appear about May.

Feb. 11. 64. Lord Admiral Howard to Walsyngham. Inquiry had been made touching the report of disaffection in Lord Sheffield's ship; the barber and three or four others have taken the oaths and renounced the Pope's authority. Report that reinforcements of soldiers and sailors had been sent by the Duke of Guise to Dunkirk. Intends to proceed to the Narrow Seas on Friday next. It is better to be at sea than locked up in harbour. Has been much engaged in changing out of one ship into another. Desires to know if he shall attack the Dunkirkers if they attempt anything against Walcheren.

Feb. 12. 65. Order from Mr. Holstok to Mr. Quarles for the delivery of victuals for 3,035 men serving in Her Majesty's ships under the Lord Admiral, for 37 days, commencing on the 15th of March.

Feb. 12. Leicester. 66. William Cave, sheriff, and other Commissioners of Leicestershire to the Council. Certify their proceedings for the restraint of Recusants in that county. Desire instructions how to proceed against the women and youths who are indicted for Recusancy. Some of the Recusants had gone from their habitations before the arrival of the sheriff's officers. *Inclosing,*

66. 1. *A certificate of the names of the Recusants presented by the High Sheriff of the county of Leicester, and of their commitments.*

Feb. 14. Chatham. 67. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Had received the advertisement from Lord Hunsdon, and is glad to see that the King of Scotland runs so good a course. Hopes that Her Majesty will grant his request, for if the neck of this matter be broken in Scotland it will break all their intent in Spain. Longs to be at sea, but has been prevented by contrary winds. The Duke of Parma has gotten a great number of mariners together and his

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Feb. 14. Westminster. 68. Grant of lease by the Queen to John Nicholas, of certain coppices and woodlands in Chute Forest, in Hampshire and Wilts, on surrender of Robert Freake. Latin.

Feb. [15]. His lodging, near Burghley House. 69. Robert Cecill to his father, Lord Burghley. Desires permission to accompany the Earl of Derby on his embassage to Ostend. His mother had given her consent and the Earl was very desirous of his company. Intends to apply himself to no evil course, but only to see and hear something to make him wiser. Solicits for his cousin Spencer also to accompany the embassy.

Feb. 15. Rochester. 70. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Desires that the 3,015 men serving in Her Majesty's Navy at Queenborough and in the Narrow Seas may receive six weeks' pay before their departure. The late bitter time hath sharply handled the men.

Feb. $\frac{16}{26}$. Paris. 71. Gerard Gyffarde to Ralph Hosbande, merchant in London. Found his brother in the Bishop's prison in Paris. He would have written but was prevented. Finds many enemies, but some are reasonable. Answer is looked for from the Pope and Cardinal, which is hardly expected to be favorable. Expenses are excessive.

Feb. 17. Plymouth. 72. William Hawkyns to his brother John Hawkyns. Requests him to pay 25*l.* to Anthony Goddard of Plymouth. Progress in graving and preparing several great ships for sea. The service is very chargeable, being done by torchlight and cressets, and in an extreme gale of wind.

Feb. 18. 73. Memorial by Walsyngham of public business to be propounded in Council. What to be done with Ithell Parrre. Reward to the serjeant that discovered the conspiracy. Answer of the States.

Feb. 21. Dover. 74. Earl of Derby to Burghley. They are even now ready to embark. He has persuaded Mr. Robt. Cecill to accompany him in the same ship. Intends this Lent to present Burghley with a small barrel of puffins

Feb. 21. 75, 76. Detailed report by Capt. Nich. Dawtrey of the state of all the able men, both horse and foot, in Hampshire. Proceedings in the musters. Many Recusants are in the county. The people are very tractable, if they be used affably; but they fear the new increase upon them for furniture or armour will be a permanent charge upon them and their posterity. [*In duplicate.*]

Feb. 21. Queenborough. 77. Wm. Borough to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his special favor which he had shown him in his late distress. Complains of the injurious dealing of Sir Fr. Drake. Incloses his answer to the objections against him for the coming away of the Lion. The Lord

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Admiral has set sail with his fleet of eight ships of Her Majesty's, and other vessels. *Incloses,*

77. 1. *Report by Sir William Wynter and Wm. Borough to Lord Burghley. Touching Mr. Hawkyns' bargain for the management and maintenance of the Navy, to the time of his resignation of that employment at Christmas last. Desire warrant may be procured authorizing him to quit that service. Feb.* 17.

Feb. 21. The Ark Rawlie. 78. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. Desires that some order may be taken for the discharge of the fine of 2,300*l.* passed in the Admiralty Court against Sir Walter Leveson, as it appeared by subsequent examinations that he had not (in a disorderly manner) seized the Danish goods.

Feb. 21. 79. Same to same. Has received his letter as he was weighing anchor. Mr. Hawkyns is to repair to the court to answer in the matter of his bargain for the Navy, but that he could testify the ships were in excellent condition, although two of them, the Mary Rose and the Swallow, were in service in the Queen's father's time. Had left Mr. Hawkyns and Wm. Boroughs behind to put the four great ships in readiness, which would be greatly needed if the Spanish forces came out.

Feb. 22. 80. Note of the whole number of men allotted to Sir George Carey for the defence of the Isle of Wight.

Feb. 22. 81. Sir James Croft, Comptroller of the Household, to the Queen. Has heard several opinions of persons actuated by various motives to induce Her Majesty to make peace with Spain. Feels assured she will stand fast in that which may be best for the whole estate and commonwealth.

Feb. 22? 82. Note of Her Majesty's answer to James Croft, son of Mr. Comptroller. That Her Majesty wished to hear from him, and that she reposed the greatest trust in him for the business in hand.

Feb. 22. 83. Petition of the Company of the Merchants Adventurers to the Council. Touching the regulation of the trade to Germany and confirmation of their choice of Stoad for their residency.

Feb. 22. 84. Accounts of the receipt and issues of the four Tellers of the Exchequer, for the four weeks ending 24th February.

Feb. 28. The Vanguard. 85. Sir Wm. Wynter to John Hawkyns, Wm. Holstok, and Wm. Borough. Departure of the commissioners under Sir H. Palmer. Further supplies of provisions for the winter will be required for the Navy. The ships have suffered from the roughness of the weather. It does a man's heart good to see the gallant fleet, and they only long for the Prince of Parma to put to sea. Is very dissatisfied with the new harbour at Dover.

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Feb. 29. Olpurthe. 86. Sir Edward Stanley to the Council. Points out the defects of the trained bands in Lancashire and Cheshire. Provision of powder and munitions required. Report of the survey of the coast and the places necessary to be fortified.

Feb. 29. The Arke. 87. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Had met with Sir H. Palmer at sea, who had been to Flushing, and brought over a packet of letters. Flemish news. Intends with the first wind to send two ships to the relief of Colonel Snoye, who was besieged. The Spanish Armada was reported to sail for England on the 25th of March. Desires to be reinforced with the four great ships and 20 good hoys. Rowland York is dead of the small pox. Will make good sport of the King of Spain's ships when they come.

Feb. 29. Dover. 88. Richard Barrey to same. A bark of Dover, that carried out the Earl of Derby's baggage, had on her return been spoiled and robbed by a Dunkirk man-of-war, and William Tydyeman the pilot taken into Dunkirk as prisoner.

Feb. ? 89. Note of the suit of the surviving executor of Sir Tho. Cheney, for the recovery of his interest in certain lands and other property after the death of Lord Cheney.

Feb. ? 90. Gilbert Giffard to Florent Bacot. Still remains in prison, is most miserable, and in great necessity. Fr.

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March 1. 1. Abstract of the certificates of the trained and untrained bands in several counties, with the names of their captains, and how they are sorted with weapons.

March 1. 2. General certificate of the musters in the county of Hertford, sent by Sir Francis Knollys the younger to the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of the county.

March 1. 3. Robert Ardern, of Barwycke, to the Earl of Leicester. Declaration of his transactions with Mr. Ardern, of Cotesford. Resort to the latter of one Greenwood, the Earl of Arundell's keeper, and Sir Thó. Jarrard, his keeper. Many of the keepers of the Lieutenant of the Tower tainted with popery.

March 2. 4. Capt. Nich. Dawtrey to Walsyngham. Sends him the names of certain gentlemen in Hampshire capable of furnishing light horses, but who have not been included in the certificates.

March 3. London. 5. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Has recovered his health. Hears daily good report of the ships, which were never in better condition, notwithstanding the slanderous reports of the shipwrights. A new supply of stores is requisite for the shipping: having suffered

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much in the late winter weather, and a great consumption having taken place in the two last years in placing the Navy in an efficient state.

March 3. The Non-Perilia. 6. Vice-Admiral Thos. Fenner to Walsyngham. Giving information of the amount of the forces in Spain. Quantities of stores, &c. Regrets not going to meet the enemy on their own coasts, while so many valiant men were doing nothing at home. Fears that at the moment of action their provisions will run short.

March 6. 7. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Sends him a note of stores issued during the last year. Stores to the value of 5,000*l.* have already been received into the storehouse, and great cables to the value of 3,000*l.* had been ordered in Muscovia. Request half the amount to be paid at once. The supply of great masts is a matter of much importance, and requires the utmost speed.

March 8. Didlebury. 8. W. Baldwyn to Daniel Bogers. Private affairs. Has taken order with the people at Kynerton. Mytton is contented with the rate proposed. Poor Fox has been at great charge in ditching and inclosing some ground on the common.

March 9. The Arke. 9. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Had been driven into Flushing by stress of weather. The Elizabeth Bonadventure ran aground, but through the personal exertions of Lord Henry Seymour got off safe, without making a spoonful of water: unless a ship had been made of iron it were thought to be impossible, she being 27 years old and in constant service. Count Morris had offered to obey his instructions and the States professed the greatest obedience and attachment to Her Majesty. Affairs of Holland Fight with a Dunkirker. Report that the Marquis de Sta. Cruce was dead, but the Spanish preparations still continue.

March 9? The Arke, off the Ness [Blancness?] 10. Same to same. Has taken a fly-boat and hoy, both laden with wheat for Rochelle or Middleborough, and passed by warrant from Mr. Wanton. Evil of allowing wheat to pass in this manner to supply the enemy.

March 9. 11. Same to Walsyngham. Duplicate of the above, with an additional paragraph of the arrival of some person of consequence at Margate.

March 9. The Arke Raleigh. 12. Same to same. Captain Furbisher had been informed that the Spanish fleet left Lisbon for the Groyne. The delay of Sir Fr. Drake going out may breed much peril. That it will be of no use to refer to the armistice if the King of Spain should succeed in landing troops in England, Scotland, or Ireland. Is determined to end his life to prevent him.

March 10. The Elizabeth Bonadventure. 13. Lord Henry Seymour to same. Being assaulted as well with grief as with joy he is doubtful which to embrace. Details of their putting into Flushing. The stranding and preservation of the Elizabeth Bonadventure to the great admiration of all the spectator.

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Their reception by the States of Holland, and dealings with Count Maurice. Their return safe into Margate Roads. From aboard, the Elizabeth Bonadventure the fortunate ship wherein Sir Fr. Drake received all his good hap.

March 10. 14. An account of the sums of money paid out of the Exchequer for Ireland, the Low Countries, and other foreign parts, upon sundry Privy Seals, from Easter 1559 to March 10, 1588; with marginal notes by Lord Burghley showing the names of persons receiving the same for secret services and other purposes.

March 11. Margate Road. 15. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Captain Furbisher has arrived in Margate Road and brought news of the death of the Prince of Condé and the King of Navarre in danger, both being poisoned. The Spanish fleet reported to consist of 210 sail, carrying 36,000 soldiers, and to be ready to sail on the 20th. Fears Sir Fr. Drake will not be ready in time to do any effectual service. All who come out of Spain must concur in one to lie, or else we shall be stirred very shortly with "heave and o." Is out of hope of seeing the four great ships. Will take some means of choking up Dunkirk harbour. *Annexed,*

15. I. *A small note desiring the stay of all shipping in England.*

March 12. 16. Estimate by Burghley of the proportion of victuals for Her Majesty's Navy, with the alternation of flesh and fish days, and a device for bacon for one day in the week.

March 12? 17. Suggestions for reducing Her Majesty's expenditure in victualling the Navy by altering the provision of beef into other victual. Every man's allowance of beef standeth Her Majesty 4*d.* the day, at 2*d.* the pound. Introduction of fish days alternately.

March 12. Mincing Lane. 18. John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. The arrival of the Lord Admiral in Margate Road. The Bonadventure has proved itself in a sound condition. A new shift of sails for the Rainbow. Has taken up supplies and canvas and other stores on credit, and is preparing twenty great anchors. Desires his opinion for the hastening of the four great ships.

March 14. 19. Berden to Walsyngham. Knowing his wish for him to forbear his present service on account of Throckmorton's speech against him at Paris, he intends to enter a more public course of life. Desires to be appointed to the place of Her Majesty's purveyor of poultry, and requests Walsyngham's recommendation to the Lord Steward (Leicester) and Mr. Quarles, clerk of the kitchen, for that purpose.

March 17. Ivy Church. 20. Earl of Pembroke to same. Has informed the Lord Chancellor of a matter meet to be provided for in the county of Somerset. Refers to the report of his servant, something particularly concerning himself.

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March 18. Greenwich. 21. Note of the value of the lands and ecclesiastical livings granted on the petition of Robert Earl of Essex and others.

March 18. Exeter. 22. Earl of Bath and Deputy Lieutenants of Devon to the Council. Divers gentlemen claim the protection of the Stannaries, and refuse to attend the general musters.

March 18. 23, 24. Estimate of the charge agreed upon before the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Steward, the Lord Admiral, and Mr. Secretary for the maintaining of Her Majesty's Navy on the seas. The Lord Treasurer to take order for the supply of cordage and canvas and providing the great masts. [*In duplicate.*]

March 20. 25. Note by John Hawkyns, William Holstok, and James Quarles, touching the charge for the victualling of the Navy in the Narrow Seas; with request to Lord Burghley for provision of cordage, canvas, masts, and anchors.

March 20. 26. Estimate of the charge for re-victualling the ships under the command of the Lord Admiral and Sir Francis Drake.

March 20. 27. Estimate by John Hawkyns of the charges of preparing four of Her Majesty's great ships to the seas, and for furnishing the fleet serving under the Lord Admiral. The names of the four great ships are,—the Elizabeth Jonas, the Triumph, the Bear, and the Victory.

March 20. Bridgewater. 28. Capt. Tho. Ourd, Muster Master of Somerset, to the Council. Has twice mustered the trained forces of Somerset, and found the men brave and well supplied with arms. It is a most gallant country for men, armour, and readiness, and they may well guard Her Majesty's person. Is now going into Wiltshire to begin the musters there.

March 22. 29. Estimate by Hawkyns and Quarles of the charge of the augmenting of two months' victual and wages for the ships that are now westward under Sir Fr. Drake, with other charges of furnishing the four great ships and the fleet under the Lord Admiral.

March 23. The Non Perilia, Plymouth. 30. Vice-Admiral Tho. Fenner to Walsyngham. Sends the names of the captains and other officers serving in the fleet under Sir Fr. Drake.

March 25. 31. The names of the captains and officers in the fleet under Drake. Copy from the above.

March 25. 32. Account of extraordinary payments out of the receipt of the Exchequer from Michaelmas 1587 until Lady Day 1588.

March 25. 33. Brief collection of certain extraordinary payments out of the receipt of the Exchequer from Michaelmas 1587 until Lady Day 1588.

March 26. 34. Examination of Francis Nevell, taken at Standfordbury, co. Bedford, having lately returned from the Low Countries. Had been hired by Edw. Hatton, a miller, who keepeth the mill in the field near Charing Cross. His speeches to Tho. Leaper and Tho.

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Wood of the great preparations for wars; that King Edward was still living in Spain or France, and that the Earl of Arundel was next heir to the throne.

March 27. 35. Sir Edward Clere to the Council. Touching the fortifying of Yarmouth and defence of the coasts of Norfolk and Suffolk. It was feared the Dunkirkers would interrupt the English fishing. The Spanish navy was reported to be coming. Three ships discovered off the coast near Yarmouth sounding the depth of divers places.

March 27. 36. Lord Buckhurst to Walsyngham. That after a long search Dr. Clerk had found the writings touching the answers of the States to their objections. Requests that when they have been compared they may be returned to him.

March 27. 37. Certificate of brass ordnance for the field and of the quantity of saltpetre remaining in the Tower of London.

March 28. 38. John Donington to Walsyngham(?). At his leaving Lisbon the Duke of Medina was appointed Chief General of the Spanish army. Great force of the Spanish fleet. Many noblemen are venturers on their own account. The mortality so great in the fleet that the mariners were obliged to go ashore, and were quartered in the adjacent towns.

March 29. Portsmouth. 39. The Earl of Sussex to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. French and Spanish intelligence. Desires that the vessels he may send out for intelligence may carry a certain quantity of grain for the better colouring of their voyages. Requests instructions how to proceed with Richard Cotton, an obstinate recusant and a contemner of all authority. *Incloses,*

39. I. *Capt. Story's note of the voyage made in a small boat for discovery. News of the death of the Prince of Condé. Many ships seen. Tempestuous weather.*

39. II. *The information brought by Robert Keble, master of a hoy of Ipswich. French and Spanish news. All French ships stayed in Spain. The Spanish fleet between* 400 *and* 500 *sail. Sixty or seventy sail of Scotch ships at Newhaven.*

March 30. Plymouth. 40. Sir Fr. Drake to the Council. Gives his opinion on the Spanish preparations, and that Her Majesty's fleet should not await the coming of the Spaniards, but proceed at once to surprise them off the coast of Spain. Most devoutly trusts in God's mighty protection. Many of the Spanish ships were bearing the English flag of the Red Cross, which is a great presumption. Recommends that the fleet be increased as much as possible, and to have an ample supply of powder. *Incloses,*

40. I. *Account of the quantity of powder remaining on board Her Majesty's ships under the charge of Sir F. Drake.—P.S. by Drake, "Forgett not* 500 *musketts, and at least "one thousand arrows for them."*

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March 31. 41. Notes in Lord Burghley's hand of orders for the Navy. Musters of Thames watermen. Embargo on all shipping in every part of the realm. [*Messengers were despatched with letters to various port towns for a general stay of shipping on the 31st of March. Co. Reg.*]

March 31. 42. Note of the defects in the certificates from the Lieutenants and what shires have not as yet certified their proceedings in the mustering and training of the counties under their charge.

March. 43. Abstract of the certificates of the general musters taken according to certain orders sent from the Lords of the Council.

March. 44. Proportion of the number of lances and light horse to be furnished by the several shires for the Army, to attend Her Majesty's person.

March? 45. Bond by the Queen for the payment of 30,000*l.* to the Mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London, lent to Her Majesty by the City for her special service.

March? 46. List of Her Majesty's ships, with their tonnage and complement of mariners, gunners, and soldiers.

March? 47. Consideration by Sir Fr. Walsyngham of the order to be taken for defence of the realm when assailed by the enemy. The defence by sea is committed to the Lord Admiral. Provision for defence by land. Defence of the city of London.

March? 48. Notes for levying men in Southampton for defence of Portsmouth and completion of the works there.

March? 49. Project or device set down by the Lord Treasurer, the Treasurer of the Household, Lord Gray, Sir John Norris, Sir Tho. Leighton, Sir Ric. Bingham, Sir Walter Raleigh, and others at the general consultation for the ordering of the forces of the realm to withstand any invasion. Places most suspected for the Spaniards to land in; places to be fortified. Order in certain places to hinder the landing of the enemy either by fortifications or by assembly of forces. An army to be sent into the North to act on the defensive against Scotland in case the forces of Flanders should land there which we could not prevent.

March? 50. Fair copy of the above; to which is prefixed a list of the Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales, with the amount of revenue of each diocese, placed according to the times of their consecrations.

March? 51. Note of the forces appointed to repair out of each shire for the defence of the several ports, with the number of men from each county.

March. 52. Note of the proportion of ordnance required for each of the armies, and for the army attending upon Her Majesty's person.

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March? 53. Conjectures by Thomas Denyce why he is induced to think that the navy and army of the King of Spain is not intended for Turkey, Barbary, France, Portugal, or any other place, but for England only.

March? 54. Suggestions offered by Tho. Denyce, a pensioner of the King of Spain, a great papist, and of great favour with the Inquisitors, but not yet wishing the destruction of England, advising the Queen to look well to her fore door and back door, meaning Flanders and Ireland. Great rejoicings and preparations by the Papists in England. Reasons why King Philip would not enter by the West, by the Severn, or the Thames, nor on the North-east coast, nor passing north-east into Scotland, for marriage of his daughter with the young King there; but that he intends to take Milford Haven, and to fortify that and Lambay Island.

March? 55. Note of ordnance, munition, and warlike stores required for defence of Hurst Castle.

56. Advertisement of the state of affairs on the Continent addressed to M. Hugob. Count Barlemont had gone ambassador to Denmark. Treaty proposed between France and the Low Countries. Object of the Spanish fleet.

March? 57. Report by Roger Walton of his transactions with the Papists in France. His conference with Father Thomas Darbysher, chief of the Jesuits in Paris. Names of priests in England. Plot for certain priests to go into England on the coming of the Armada, to raise a Catholic party. Thomas Hole, a tutor in the Earl of Northumberland's family, a chief agent, and all. Device to get possession of a blockhouse between Rye and Winchelsea; one Wilford the governor of it.

April 1. 58, 59. Device by William Courtenay for the setting forth of a sufficient number of hoys to be attached to the fleet, of 120 tons and upwards, to carry ordnance, and to be manned with 20 or 25 mariners and 50 or 60 soldiers in each, to annoy and hamper the enemy's fleet in its progress. [*In duplicate; one copy addressed to Burghley the other to Walsyngham.*]

April 1. Sudeley. 60. Gyles Lord Chandos to Walsyngham. Has received a commission with instructions to provide powder and other things for the soldiers of the county of Gloucester for the exercising of the trained bands, which being now spent, he desires to know if the shire is to be taxed for a new supply.

April 2. Greenwich. 61. The Council to the Lord Lieutenant of Hertford. He having omitted many important points in his certificate of musters, desire him to send a certificate in accordance with an enclosed form. Orders to be given to the officers of the bands to have their men completely trained, especially the shot.

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April 2. Greenwich. 62. The Council to the Lords Lieutenants of the several shires who have not returned satisfactory certificates of the musters and trained bands: to return amended certificates according to an inclosed form.

April 2. Greenwich. 63. Sir F. Walsyngham to the Lord Admiral and Lord Buckhurst, Lords Lieutenants of Sussex. Desiring them to return a certificate of the names of all the martial men within their lieutenancy who had served in the wars as captains, lieutenants, ensigns, or corporals.

April 2. Portsmouth. 64. Earl of Sussex to the Council. Assures them of his diligence, and that the reports of his negligence in furnishing the county would be found to be mere calumnies. Certifies the provision of arms and munition furnished by the portion of the county under his charge. Stokes Bay and Browns Down are very dangerous places for the landing of the enemy, and ought to be immediately fortified.

April 3. 65. Memorial of public business by Burghley. Orders for Scotland; money to be sent to the King. Peace on the Borders. Orders for the army at Plymouth.

April 3. Stafford. 66. Justices of Staffordshire to the Earl of Essex. Desiring him to speak to the Earl of Leicester, Lord Steward of the Household, to allow them to supply ten lean oxen, in place of ten score wethers appointed to be furnished by them.

April 4. 67. Note of the number of men to be furnished by certain boroughs near London.

April 5. 68. John Lord St. John to Walsyngham. For Captain Olyver to continue in his place of Muster Master of the county of Huntingdon.

April 5. Ostend. 69. Earl of Derby and Lord Cobham to Lord Burghley. Desire leave from Her Majesty to be absent on St. George's Day, the time of their return being uncertain.

April 5. Poole. 70. John Beryman, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Poole to the Council. Desire to be excused from the charge of furnishing one great ship and a pinnace, on account of their inability. They had stayed the Primrose of Pool, bound for Newfoundland, and a pinnace called the Elephant, which when fitted up would be fit for service.

April 6. Carisbrook Castle. 71. Sir George Carey to Walsyngham. The Isle of Wight is utterly unable to furnish a ship and pinnace, as they had no ship above 20 tons belonging to the island. The town of Newport is but a poor market town. Desires to know if the whole island should be taxed for the furnishing of the same, as he doubts his authority to charge them with so weighty a matter.

April 6. 72. Warrant to the Exchequer for the allowance of 40*s.* per diem to Sir John Norreys and to Sir Thos. Leighton, and of 30*s.* per diem

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to Sir Tho. Morgan, during their repair into several counties on Her Majesty's special service; and also for an allowance for the captain attending upon them.

April 6. 73. The Queen to the Lords Lieutenants of the Maritime counties, directing them to observe the instructions of Sir John Norreys, whom she had sent to give orders for the opposing of the landing of the enemy, and the choice of suitable places for retreat in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, and Dorset; and similar directions for Sir Tho. Leighton in Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk.

April. 7. Margate. 74. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Is sorry Her Majesty will not consent to have a guard of 4,000 foot and 1,000 horse for the protection of her person. The galley should by this time have been fitted out. Recommends the stay of the French and Scottish ships. The Swedish ship, with great masts in her, that is stayed, he intends to send to Chatham or Blackwall.

April 7. Kingston. 75. Wm. Braye, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Kingston-on-Hull to the Council. They were unable to furnish the two ships and a pinnace, as directed by their lordships, to serve with Her Majesty's fleet: all their best ships being at present abroad, and the mariners remaining pressed into Her Majesty's service. *Inclosing,*

75. I. *The names of the ships and number of mariners belonging to the town of Kingston-on-Hull, which are at present on distant voyages: with the number of mariners pressed into the Navy.*

April 8. 76. Certificate of ordnance and munition specially required for increase of the stores, with the present remains in the office of Ordnance.

April 8. Barnstaple. 77. John Harrys, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Barnstaple and Torrington to the Council. That their towns were not able to furnish two ships and a handsome pinnace in warlike manner, to join the fleet under Sir Fr. Drake: their trade having suffered so much from the prohibitions of the King of Spain, and they have not gained by the letters of reprisal granted to them.

April 8. Margate Road. 78. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. Presses on him the necessity of having more than one month's provisions in store for the victualling the fleet. Their present supply would last till the 18th of May, and it was reported the Spanish fleet would sail on the 15th. "King Harry, Her Majesty's father, never made a lesser "proportion of supply than 6 weeks." There never was a more willing company than he had, and it were pity they should lack at the moment of service.

April 9. Towstock. 79. Earl of Bath to Walsyngham. Informs him of the order he had taken for remedying the defects of the former certificates. Re-

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quests time till the 16th to send a new roll, and a certificate of martial men residing in the county of Devon. *Incloses,*

79. I. *A schedule of the answers to the defects in the former certificate of able men of the county.*

April 9. 80. William Humbarston to Mr. Barry, Lieut. of Dover Castle. Informs him that Capt. Sempell, a Scotchman, was the bearer of letters from the Spanish ambassador at the Court of France, to be sent into Scotland. Much truth might be learnt if those letters were intercepted.

April 9. Lime Regis. 81. John Jones, Mayor of Lyme Regis, to the Council. That they had no ship of 60 tons burden in port, but they had armed and fitted out a ship of 40 tons, to serve with Her Majesty's fleet under Drake for two months. The towns of Lyme, Axminster, and Chard had agreed only to charge the inhabitants who were subject to the subsidy. Some people of Axminster refuse to subscribe.

April 10. 82. Note of the charge of one month's wages and victuals for the Queen's ships and other vessels serving under the charge of the Lord High Admiral.

April 10. 83. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Cannot describe the pain he has in his left arm so that he cannot think of anything but to groan with pain. Her Majesty was right in seeking peace; if it connot be had she is justified before God and the world. Sends him two letters to read from Robert Cecill.

April 10. Lease from Nicholas Portar to John Mealling of a house or cottage in Aston Subedge, lately occupied by Roger Tisoe. [*Case D. Eliz., No.* 7.]

April 11. Exeter. 84. Jo. Peryam, Mayor, and Aldermen of Exeter to the Council. They have stayed and fitted out one fine ship and a pinnace according to their lordships' directions. Desire that the other ship may be directed to be furnished by the creeks belonging to the port of Exeter, although they refused, not having been specially mentioned in the letters.

April 12. 85. Note of the charge of setting to the seas the galley Bonavolia for two months, in warlike manner; by John Hawkyns and Wm. Holstock.

April 16. Greenwich. 86. The Council to the Earl of Leicester, or his Deputy Lieutenants of Essex and Hertford. Directing the arms and armour, taken from the Recusants, to be sold for the better furnishing of the trained bands of those counties.

April 12. King's Lynn. 87. Tho. Sandyll, Mayor, and the Aldermen of King's Lynn to the Council. Pray them to direct letters to the town of Blakeney and other members of the port which refused to contribute their share towards the furnishing of the ships required. They are willing to furnish the Mayflower of Lynn of 150 tons, and a fine pinnace, to join Her Majesty's fleet. Some of their best ships are abroad.

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April 12. Ipswich. 88. The Balliffs of Ipswich to Walsyngham. That they, with the town of Harwich, had been directed by the Lord Admiral to furnish three hoys instead of two ships and a pinnace as required by the Council, which they had done; but request that the heavy ordnance may be supplied from Her Majesty's stores.

April 13. Plymouth. 89. Sir Fr. Drake to the Queen. Answers to particular notes sent to him by Her Majesty for his opinion of the best means to distress the forces now in Lisbon. The point is hardly to be answered. Much depends on the resolution of our own people. Advises that the fleet under his charge should be augmented and well supplied with provisions, and then to attack the enemy on his own coasts. They had only been provisioned for two months from the 24th of April. He has never in all his life known better men or of more gallant minds. Her fleet must be strengthened to encounter this great force. Never was any force so strong as this; but the Lord of Strength is stronger and will defend the truth of his word for His own name's sake.

April 15. 90. Richard Barrey to Lord Burghley. Commends the forwardness of the Cinque Ports in fitting out their ships according to the instructions of the Council. [*Nearly obliterated by damp.*]

April 15. Weymouth. 91. Richard Pitt, Mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, to Walsyngham. Requests that Robt. White and three other mariners of that town may be excused from attending before the Council, as they had been preesed by the Lord Admiral into Her Majesty's service, and were known by him to be men of honest conversation.

April 16. Sherborne. 92. Justices of the Peace of Dorsetshire to the Earl of Leicester. Complain of the hard dealings of the purveyors for the Royal Household. They have sent two of their Justices to treat with him for a composition, to be freed from their abuses. Would rather pay in money than be charged with the delivery of provisions.

April 16. Colchester. 93. The Bailiffs of Colchester to Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice-Chamberlain. Desire that the inhabitants of Coggeshall, Dedham, and East Bergholt may not be excused their contribution towards the furnishing of the ship charged upon them for the Queen's service.

April 16. Weymouth. 94. The Mayor and Bailiffs of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis to the Council. Many of their town had not taken much benefit by their letters of reprisal. They had furnished one ship of 80 tons with 50 men, and victualled for two months, for Sir Fr. Drake, and a pinnace for the Lord Admiral, and had two other ships preparing. Request that they may be assisted by the adjoining townships in furnishing these ships.

April 17. 95. Robert Wyngfield to same. Complains that the towns of Aldborough and Orford had charged not only those engaged in trade, but also the gentlemen who had contributed for the land

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forces with the furnishing of the ship and pinnace. Requests that they would not attend to the complaints against Ruben Collye and Mr. Gilbert, as they were heavily charged in the land service.

April 17? 96. Petition of the Chief Officers of the towns of Orford and Dunwich to the Council. Cannot fit out the shipping required of them and Aldborough, without the assistance of Woodbridge and other neighbouring towns. Woodbridge is not a limb of the port of Ipswich, as alleged.

April 17. Southampton 97. Andrew Studley, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Southampton to same. That they were unable to furnish the two ships and a pinnace required, on account of the decay of their town and commerce, and the great charges they had been at for providing of powder, repairs of the seabeach, and fortifications. Above 110 mariners had been pressed in their town for Her Majesty's ships, so that there would not be sufficient to man the ships.

April 17. Chester. 98. Sir John Savage and Sir Hugh Cholmondeley to Walsyngham. Request that they may be supplied with arms and armour from London, or out of Her Majesty's stores, for the 500 men raised in Cheshire, at the prices rated by the Lord Lieutenant. *Inclosing,*

98. I. *Proportion of armour for 500 men, as estimated by the Lord Strange for service towards Scotland.*

April 17. At his house at Deptford. 99. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. It is now determined that he should go westward with the greater part of the fleet. Refers to Sir Wm. Wynter and Mr. Hawkyns, and requests payment of 2,000*l.* for extraordinary charges of the service.

April 19. Ipswich. 100. The Bailiffs of Ipswich to Walsyngham. They had sent up the bearer to attend on him for the great ordnance to furnish the hoys. One Rauff Morrys obstinately refuses to contribute for the furnishing of the ships.

April 20. Kingston-on-Hull. 101. Wm. Braye, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Kingston-on-Hull to same. Are sorry that he disapproves of their certificate that there were no ships or mariners in the port, but that many ships having now returned from London and Newcastle, they would furnish with all speed the two ships and a pinnace required.

April 20. 102. Justices of the township of Estbergholt in Suffolk to the Council. Request that their township may not be charged for the furnishing of the ship and pinnace to be supplied by Colchester, on account of the great falling off in their trade, by reason of the prohibition of the exportation of Suffolk cloths.

April 20. 103. Account of the money paid into the receipt of the Exchequer by Alderman Martyn, Warden of the Mint, and coined of her Highness' own bullion, amounting to 32,000*l.*

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April 22. Kingston-on-Hull. 104. The Mayor and Burgesses of Kingston-on-Hull to the Council. Some of the ships and mariners in the port having returned from London and Newcastle they had made choice of two ships and a pinnace, which they would furnish and set forth for service with as much expedition as possible.

April 22. Worcester. 105. The Deputy Lieutenants of Worcester to same. Sending a certificate of the trained bands of horse and foot furnished ready for service. Desire to know if they should proceed to the mustering of the unarmed persons of this county. *Inclosing,*

105. I. *A certificate of the trained bands in the county of Worcester, under the lieutenancy of the Earl of Pembroke, with the names of the captains commanding them, and their lieutenants.*

April 22. Canterbury. 106. Sir Tho. Scott and Sir James Hales to Walsyngham. They had sent the certificate of musters of their portion of the shire to Lord Cobham and Sir Tho. Fane, to be incorporated in the general certificate for the whole shire. The names of the martial men and of their present employments. *Inclosing,*

106. I. *Certificate from the Deputy Lieutenants of the East part of Kent, of the number of men in the trained bands, the martial men that have borne office in the wars, and the landing places within the Lathes of Scray, St. Augustin's, and Shipway: Not including the city of Canterbury nor the Cinque Ports.*

April 22. London. 107. Nicholas Berden to same. Returns thanks for his favor in procuring him the place he now enjoys. Sends him letters received from the traitors beyond the seas, and requests permission to answer them in another vein than ever he yet wrote. Requests that Richard Garnett, a recusant, may be released from Horsham gaol.

April 24. Dorchester. 108. Sir John Norreys to same. That he had nearly finished the view of the sea coasts of Dorset and Southampton. Urgently desires that some other person may be appointed to survey the coasts of Sussex and Kent, as he is obliged to spend more time in the service than he calculated on. Has been honorably received and assisted by the gentlemen of the shire, especially by Mr. Trenchard and Mr. FitzJames.

April 25. Shrewsbury (Salop). 109. Thomas Everall to Wm. Baldwyn, at Clements Inn. Is in trouble and his cattle have been distrained by the sheriff for 4*l.* 10*s.* besides the charges for the castle pound. Begs him to intercede with his landlord and to follow his advice. Indorsed by Danl. Rogers, "*Redditæ mi* 1° *Maij* 1588."

April 26. 110. Tho. Fitz[herbert] to Gerrard Gifford in London. Is glad to hear of his safe arrival. Will take all care he can of his brother, who remains in the state he left him, not having yet performed what he had promised.

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April 27. Harroldstone. 111. The Deputy Lieutenants of Pembrokeshire to the Council. Have prepared the certificate of the able men and trained bands according to their instructions. The county is greatly discouraged in providing of armour and munition on account of its poverty. Request that their shire may have some discharge for sending men and armour into Ireland. *Inclosing,*

111. I. *A certificate of the able men, armour, and weapons, in the county of Pembroke, and the names of the captains and lieutenants commanding them.*

April 28. York. Earl of Huntingdon to Walsyngham. Has himself viewed the horsemen of the north. Desires authority to call upon gentlemen to serve personally upon any emergency which had been the custom in former times, and which they would obey more willingly than taking by musters. The petronels, or carbines as some do call them, are not of the sort contemplated by the Council. The gentlemen of the north object to raise lances, as it was a novel charge they feared might become permanent. If to serve only against Scotland they would not object to it. [*See Borders,* 28 *April* 1588.]

April 28. Plymouth. 112. Sir Francis Drake to the Queen. Has received advertisements that the enemy continueth his preparations mightily. Offers his opinion that Her Majesty's fleet should attack the Spaniards off their own coasts. The promise of peace from the Prince of Parma and these mighty preparations in Spain agree not well together. Thanks Her Majesty for her gracious speeches of him.

April 29. 113. List, in Howard's hand, of the ships appointed to proceed to the West coast under the Lord Admiral; together with the 20 ships of London.

April 29. 114. Similar list of the ships appointed to remain in the Narrow Seas under the charge of Lord Henry Seymour; with those of the Cinque Ports, Newcastle, &c., and all such as shall come out of the Thames.

April 29. Westminster. 115. Grant by the Queen to William Weldon of the right of fishing in the Millpond in the manor of Cookeham, Berkshire, with the profits of osiers and willows in the same; parcel of the Honor of Windsor. Latin.

April 30. Mildnall [Mildenhall?]. 116. Roger Lord North to Walsyngham. Has hastened home to perform the service entrusted to him. Has appointed Captain Cheston to be Muster Master for the county of Cambridge, for whom he requests instructions and a sufficient allowance. Has given directions for the apprehension of one Pallant.

April 30. London. 117. Tho. Barnes to same. Offers his services as some satisfaction for his past offences.

April 30. 118. Directions left by Sir Tho. Leighton with Sir Edward Clere and Sir Wm. Heydon, Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Norfolk,

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for the regulation of all martial causes in that county, and with Ralph Lane, Capt. Havers, Capt. Helme, and Capt. Pyper to assist in the same. Defence of the coasts, fortified towns, and landing places, watching the beacons, &c.

April 30. 119. A true report, by James Terrell, of the army prepared in Lisbon within the realm of Portugal, and what he had observed at Seville, Cadiz, and other ports till his departure on the last day of April 1588. The number of ships in Lisbon; saw there the Lord Morton, a nobleman of Scotland, who offered a landing place in Scotland. Death of the Marquis of Santa Cruce in great disgrace. The Duke of Medina appointed general of all the army. Two Irish bishops and many Irish priests and Irishmen in Lisbon. Great fear of the preparations in England. The master of Terrell's ship, the pilot, and one other of the crew taken and racked to give information.

April 30. 120. Certificate of the quantity of powder remaining in several counties.

April. 121, 122. Decree for suspension of Her Majesty's warrant to the Lord Treasurer in favor of the merchants of the Stillyard. [*Two papers.*]

April? 123. General certificate of all the able men furnished and unfurnished in the county of Devon, the names of their captains and lieutenants, the names of places where the powder is kept, and the quantities in store.

April. 124. Certificate of the forces of trained and untrained men in the county of Lincoln. Names of captains commanding them, armour, weapons, &c.

April. 125. List of the counties which have not certified the state of the forces of the shire, according to the forms sent in April, and of such counties as have not certified the names of their martial men.

April. 126. Estimate of the charge for a supply to be made of such cordage, sail, canvas, and other provisions as hath been supplied from Her Majesty's stores for extraordinary service in 1587. The provision of great masts is almost spent.

April. 127. Advertisements from Rouen of the preparations in Spain. At Cadiz all French and Flemish ships were stayed till the departure of the Spanish fleet. Two hundred sail of ships were at Lisbon and more than 30,000 men ready to embark; fourteen of the greatest galleons at St. Lucars. The Duke of Medina had received sealed orders, to be opened at sea.

April? 128. Opinion of Sir Fr. Drake, upon the notes delivered to him by Captain Coxe, relative to the Spanish preparations: fitting out of flyboats from Dunkirk for supplying the Spanish fleet with provisions. Stay of all shipping in Spain. The granting of letters of reprisal can do little good as no shipping are to be seen on the coasts of Spain but victuallers well protected.

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April? 129. Form of the ceremony to be observed in appointing an admiral to take charge of a fleet upon special service.

April? 130. Petition of Margaret Johnson, late wife of Lawrence Johnson, to the Council. For their letters to the Judge of the Admiralty and Dr. Awbury for the hearing of her suit for recovery of a flyboat which had been taken by English pirates, and her husband murdered.

April? 131. Answer or advice of Sir John Norreys upon the instructions given him by the Lords of the Council, for the defence of the landing places in Hampshire from Southampton to Bournemouth., Disposition of the forces of the county for the defence of Portsmouth. Places of retreat if pressed by an invading enemy. Organization of companies of pioneers; driving cattle inland, &c. [*A copy of this paper was given to each of the captains in Dorset. See orders taken at Blandford, May* 8, 1588.]

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May 1. 1. The names of such persons as have shipped clothes to Stoad, not being appointed, in the ships of the Merchants Adventurers.

May 1. 2. Testimony of Thomas Edolphe, Mayor of Rye, of the contentious dealing of Robert Gladdish, against Mr. Henry Pye, minister of Peasmarsh, and several others of his honest parishioners; the said Mr. Pye being a very quiet person, zealous in religion, and not hiding the talent that God hath given him.

May 1. 3. Estimate of the account for victualling the fleet under Sir Fr. Drake, between the 4th of December and the 5th of May 1588.

May 3. Temple Bar. 4. Wm. Herlle to Lord Burghley. Has been of late at death's door, escaping the going in very narrowly. Requests him to press his suit with Her Majesty and procure his speedy departure, before he should be imprisoned for debt. Relies upon the Queen's former gracious assurances.

May 3. 5. Testimony of Mr. John Colepeper on the behalf of Mr. Pye, touching the controversy with Robert Gladdish, who wishing to set up an alehouse in Peasmarsh was opposed therein by many of the inhabitants.

May 4. Kinerton. 6. Tho. Everall to Wm. Baldwyn. Private affairs. Request directions as to a heriot due by a lease granted to Margt. Colynge. Has heard that Mr. Dan. Rogers will be in Shropshire shortly.

May 5. 7. Note of the money remaining from the coinage of Her Majesty's bullion, received from Mr. Alderman Martyn.

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May 8. 8. Orders taken at Blandford for the better execution of the Council's instructions for the defence of the county of Dorset, lately agreed upon between Sir John Norreys, Capt. Nich. Dawtrey, and the deputy lieutenants of the county. The principal captains to act according to the answer and advice of Sir J. Norreys to the Council's instructions.

May 9. Cambridge. 9. Lord North to the Council. The county of Cambridge very badly furnished with armour and munition, and many of the trained bands dead or removed, but he would see all the defects supplied. Intends to appoint some other gentleman as captain in place of Mr. Hutton. Desires to be supplied with intructions by Capt. Cheston.

May 9. 10. Names of the ships to serve in the Narrow Seas under the charge of Lord Henry Seymour, with those from the Cinque Ports and other places, and 36 from Holland and Zealand; the whole number of ships and pinnaces 72.

May 10. 11. Resolutions taken about the employment of the fleets under the Lord Admiral and Sir F. Drake. A reserve of victuals in case of necessity.

May $\frac{11}{21}$. On the galleon Sante Martin, at Bellen. 12. Rules and ordinances prescribed for the conduct and government of the King of Spain's army at sea; made by their General Don Alonso Peres de Gusman, Duke of Medina Sidonia, Earl of Niebla, and Marques of Caçaça in Africa, Lord of the city of St. Lucars, Captain General of the Occean Sea and of the coast of Andolozia, and of this royal army and host of His Majesty, and Knight of the famous Order of the Golden Fleece. Signed by the Duke de Medina Sidonia. Spanish.

May 11. 13. English translation of the above.

May 11. 14. Estimate by Lord Howard, John Hawkyns, and Jas. Quarles to balance the times of payment of wages and victualling of the whole Navy.

May 12. 15. Warrant to Robt. Petre and the Four Tellers of the Exchequer to pay certain sums to John Hawkyns, Treasurer of the Admiralty for the wages of 2,990 men serving in Her Majesty's ships in the Narrow Seas.

May 12. 16. Note of the charge of one month's wages and victuals for the fleet serving under the Lord Admiral.

May 12. Plymouth. 17. Vice-Adm. Tho. Fenner and Capt. Robert Crosse to Sir Fr. Drake. Capt. Powlewheele had arrived and the rest of the ships in company. Six French ships and one flyboat brought in by Capt. Powlewheele, who had returned with them, thinking true information might be gained from them of the Spanish fleet. All the ships are wonderfully well manned with mariners. General management of the fleet.

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May 15. Deptford. 18. Robert Nele to Walsyngham. Her Majesty had been too much engaged with the King of Portugal and the Council to consider the important causes he had to explain to her, but she had referred them to his honor. He would be ready to attend on him at Barn Elms. Sends copy of a speech to be pronounced in Her Majesty's presence.

May 16. The Bonadventure. 19. Lord Henry Seymour to same. Sends news such as they came to him. Advertisements brought by a French merchant from Cadiz, with certain intelligence that the Spanish navy at Lisbon amounted to 300 sail, half of them victuallers, the other half ships of war, and that they were greatly infected with sickness, and in great fear if they hear but the name of DRAKE. Preparations making by the Great Turk.

May 18? 20. Extracts of three letters written by Antone de Taso from Lisbon, on the probable success of the Spanish armada. Prays to God to give him the house of some rich merchant in England. Fears the English will not fight as the force of the King is so great. 22,000 rations of meat are given out daily. All things are embarked and wait only for a wind.

May 19. 21. Relation of the galleons, ships, and vessels set forth by the King of Spain out of Lisbon 1588, May 19:—Of galleons and great ships from the burthen of 700 tons to 1,000 tons, 65. The number of rowers in the four galleases and four galleys, 2,088 men. Mariners and other officers, 8,605 men. Specification of various ranks and offices. Sum of the whole number that goeth in the army of all sorts 31,266. Bread, 110,000 quintals; wine, 670 pipes.

May 19? 22. Summary of the whole state of the Spanish naval forces, prepared by the King of Spain in the port of Lisbon, whereof is Chief and Captain General the Duke de Medina Sidonia: describing the number of ships, their force and tonnage, the amount of munitions of war, the numbers of soldiers, mariners, and galley slaves, the number of friars, quantities of provisions, the names of the chiefs of the expedition, of the ministers and officers of justice, and of the quartermasters of the whole army. French.

May 19? 23. Report on the state of the Spanish preparations, of the number of ships, their equipment, force, stores, &c. Design of the armament to co-operate with the Duke of Parma for the invasion of England. Force prepared by England in conjunction with Holland and Zealand to resist it. French.

May 20. Kirtling. 24. Lord North to Walsyngham. Thanks for his favor to Capt. Cheston. Many of the Justices refuse to furnish petronels, using for their defence some nice and curious reasons, which might have been forborne in this time of special service. Has searched the house where Pallant's wife lay, but missed him. Will furnish at his own

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charges 30 lancers and 20 petronels, beside 20 petronels of his followers and 60 shot. *Incloses,*

24. I. *Lord North's letter to the Justices of Cambridgeshire, requiring them to furnish petronels. May 1st.*

24. II. *Lord North to the Council. Complaining that many of the Justices of best ability refuse to furnish petronels. Desires that some order may be taken with them. Names of those who neither showed petronels nor sent answers. Kirtling, May 1st, 1588.*

May 20. 25, 26. Relation of the strength of the Spanish armada, which departed from Lisbon the 30th of May, 1588, Stilonovo, containing 166 great ships, 27,128 soldiers and mariners, 180 friars, and 1,493 pieces of artillery, and the names of the commanders. [*In duplicate.*]

May 22 The Rainbow. 27. Lord H. Seymour to Lord Burghley. Has parted company from the Lord Admiral, who is going to Plymouth, and Seymour to Blackness [Blancness]. Monsr. Domale sent to offer him a supply of victuals, munition, or any thing he might be in need of. He heard from him that the Duke of Guise and the French King were now great friends. Requests order may be taken for re-victualling the Navy, as victuals and days wear away apace.

May 23. Plymouth. 28. Lord Adm. Howard, Lord High Admiral, to same. He parted with Lord H. Seymour in the Downs on Tuesday, and was joined by Sir Fr. Drake at Plymouth with 60 ships well appointed. Intends to sail, and to lie on and off between England and the coast of Spain, to watch the coming of the Spanish forces.

May 24. 29. Examinations of James Winche, Christopher Twytt, John Newman, and Wm. Tenche, on interrogatories on the part of John Blagrave, relative to the forcible expulsion of Blagrave out of a certain plot of ground.

May 25. 30. The examinations of certain prisoners in the Tower, before Sir Owyn Hopton and Richard Young; viz., Edward Dixon, Wm. Bennett, an old priest, Jacob Vandermaest, Humfrey Fullwood, Anthony Tutchener, Andrew Van Metico a Dutchman, suspected to be sent over to kill the Queen, and Jerome Paine.

May 26. St. Omer. 31. Robert Griffites to Roger Awmond at Douay. Intends to be with him on Wednesday or Thursday, with money and other necessaries.

May 27. The Vanguard. 32. Sir Wm. Wynter to Lord Burghley. Has been ashore at Dover, and viewed the works there. They are very great, and little remains to be done. The fleet in the Narrow Seas could be more conveniently victualled from Dover than from London or Chatham.

May 27. 33. Declaration of Giles Napper. Came out of Spain and arrived at Portsmouth on the 27th of May. His service as a slave among

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the Turks, and capture by the Spaniards. The Spanish fleet at Lisbon to sail on 16th of May. Sickness in the fleet. Ill feeling between the Portuguese and the Spaniards. The King of Spain commended Sir F. Drake very much as a valiant man of war. Much reliance placed upon the Dunkirk fleet.

May 28. The Rainbow. 34. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. With a note of the ships and hoys furnished by the coast towns. Requests to be supplied with victuals for six weeks at least. *Incloses,*

34. I. *Certificate of the ships, hoys, &c., set forth by several port towns, their tonnage, numbers of men, names of captains, and for how long they are victualled.*

May 28. Plymouth. 35. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. That the ships with provisions had not been sent as Mr. Quarles promised. They have but 18 days victuals on board. The sheriffs of Devonshire sent him word that the Spanish fleet was ready to come out with the first wind. Would sail to meet them as soon as the wind would permit. Go out he will, though he should starve; the fault lies not with him. Beseeches him to hasten the provisions, for if the wind hold as it is but for six days the Spaniards will be knocking at our doors.

May 28. Plymouth. 36. Same to same. He has stayed the rice in the Mary of Hamborough, for Her Majesty's service. All is in readiness to sail, but they have scarcely three weeks' victuals left. With the gallantest company of captains, soldiers, and mariners ever seen in England, it were pity they should lack meat. Hopes to have the happiness to meet the enemy at sea.

May. 29. Rye. 37. The Mayor and Jurats of Rye to Lord H. Seymour. Information that there were two pinnaces of Gravelines or Dunkirk off the French coast, which intercepted Her Majesty's packets between Rye and Dieppe, and had taken one boat with passengers and the mail packet.

May 30. 38. Certificate upon survey taken of the county of Southampton by Captain Nich. Dawtrey. Touching all the forces as well trained as in troops or untrained, according to such instructions as the said captain had formerly received from the Lords of the Council; the sum total of the whole being 9,088 men. With a brief declaration of the state of the shire; many of the men being very rawly furnished, some whereof lacketh a head-piece, some a sword, some one thing or other that is evil unfit or unbeseeming about him.

May 30. 39. Report by Sir John Norreys of his proceeding in making a survey of the sea coasts and of the forces of the county of Southampton, in pursuance of instructions from the Privy Council; and how far the several points in those instructions have already been answered and provided for by the Lords Lieutenants of the county. The whole number of the forces of the shire furnished and unfurnished being 11,966 men, whereof 3,000 armed are assigned for defence of the Isle of Wight.

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May 31. 40. Account of provisions bought for Her Majesty's use, and brought into the Office of the Ordnance, within the Tower, between the first of April and the last of May next ensuing. Among other charges—to Wm. Reynolds, fletcher, for 1,000 musket arrows, sent to Sir Francis Drake.

May. 41. List of such shires as have certified their proceedings in the musters of the able men, and of those which have not certified.

May? 42. Abstract of the certificates of the numbers of able men, trained and untrained, in various counties, in pursuance of the letters from the Council in April 1588.

May. 43. The Queen to the Bishop and to the Dean and Chapter of Chester. Requiring them to make to her a lease of the parsonage of Cottingham, and to deliver the same to Sir Edward Hastings.

May. 44. Notes in Burghley's hand of the expenses of Her Majesty's fleet, by the month.

May? 45. Estimate of the charges for victuals and wages for any number of men, from 10 to 1,000, by the day and by the month.

May? 46. List of counties that desire to be furnished with armour and weapons, for their money.

[May.] 47. Reasons to prove that the Spaniards should rather land in the Isle of Wight than in any other place in England. Its ease of approach from either Spain, Flanders, or France.

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June 1. Greenwich. 1. Warrant to Jasper Swift, Serjeant of the Admiralty, to impress eight or ten pieces of ordnance and ten small shot called muskets, for the ships appointed to carry provisions to Her Majesty's fleet.

June 3. 2. Muster-roll of George Thornton, provost marshal, for his 25 horse.

June 5. 3. The declaration of John Bonde, of Kenton near Exeter. A ship had come out from Spain laden with bullion and treasure for the Prince of Parma. State of affairs in Spain, on the report that the English were prepared to meet the Spanish fleet. The best gentlemen in Spain cast lots who shall have England.

June 5. 4. Remembrnnces for certain matters to be considered of by Her Majesty and the Council, relating to the sea coasts of Hampshire, viewed by Sir John Norreys. Landing places at Stokes Bay and Browne Downe to be made guardable.

June 5. 5. Earl of Sussex to Burghley. Recapitulation of his services in the works at Portsmouth. Remonstrates against the imputation of making payments without sufficient authority, or of insufficient entry in the pay books. The instructions to Mr. Cotton to forbear

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making certain payments had been complied with, though not to Sussex's honor or credit. Explanation of extraordinary allowances made by Sussex. *Incloses,*

5. I. *The Master Gunner's note of the iron works entered in the pay books, for building two bombard chambers and a fowler in the platform, which were new stocked for service.*

5. II. *The Master Gunner's note, with a declaration of the foulness of certain ordnance on the fortifications at Portsmouth.*

5. III. *An estimate of the platforms; viz., of the round tower, the square tower, and the platform at Portsmouth, set down by the Master Carpenter, with the advice of Mr. Surveyor.*

5. IV. *An estimate for the platforms, houses, and other necessaries as touching munitions for the fortifications at Portsmouth.*

June 5. London. 6. Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Has received an Italian letter from a captain of the Armada at Lisbon. The number of men and supply of munition was not as great as expected. Cause of the delay of the Armada; they were waiting to conduct the Plate fleet. [*Italian.*]

June 6. London. 7. Same to same. Sends a relation by Del Landy to the Earl of Essex, and requests Walsyngham's favor in that cause.

June 7. 8. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Adm. Howard. Her Majesty having heard of his intention to proceed to the Isles of Bayonne, to watch the proceedings of the Spanish fleet, thinks it not safe for him to be so far to the south, lest the Armada should take a westward course, and so arrive unexpectedly in the north of England. Recommends him to ply up and down between the English and Spanish coast.

June 7. Westminster. 9. Grant and appointment of Nicholas Paddy *alias* Rougedragon, to the office of Lancaster Herald for life, in place of John Cocke, Lancaster. Latin. Indorsed, "*Offic uñ Heraldi ad arma nun-*" *cupat. Lancaster. p* [*Francis*] *Thynne. April,* 1602.

June 8. 10. Richard Turner to Mr. Rogers, keeper of the Queen's Privy Seal. Has delivered his letters at Kinnerton to Tho. Everall. George, his brother, has cut down a hedge and done other wrongful acts. Cattle now fed upon those grounds. Mr. Harbert of Montgomery, intends to inclose a great piece of the Common. Indorsed by Danl. Rogers. "*Redditæ in Londinij* 8° *Junij* 1588."

June 9. St. Jean de Luz. 11. Tho. Bostocke to Sir Geo. Bond. Desires to be furnished with a ship and certain mercantile commodities. Departure of the Armada from Lisbon; particulars of its force. A reserve fleet of 50 or 60 ships is preparing for conveyance of victuals only when the Spaniards shall have landed in England.

June 10. 12. Memorandum of public business. The coast ships to be victualled. Letter thereon to Lord H. Seymour.

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June 10. Choumbley. 13. Sir Edw. Stanley to Walsyngham. Being visited with sickness, he therefore sends the certificates of musters in the counties of Chester and Lancaster. He has used his greatest diligence, but those shires are ill supplied with munition.

[June 10?] 14. Note of the number of shot, corslets, bows and bills mustered in the Hundreds of West Derby, Salford, Leyland, Lonsdale, Amounderness, and Blackborne, in the county of Lancaster, probably inclosed in the preceding.

June 12. From his cabin. 15. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Sends a vile book received from his brother Killigrew, written by a Cardinal [Allen?] in favor of the invasion. Recommends that the book be suppressed under pain of treason, and that an answer be written as if from the Catholics of England. The Cardinal is deceived if he thinks that any nobleman or gentleman of possessions will favor the invasion of the realm. The Cardinal's book may give cause of danger to all Catholics and Recusants.

June 13. 16. Edw. Conway to Sir John Conway. Details of family affairs between Sir John and Anth. Bowrne. Matters are now before the Lords of the Council. Stay of their order for giving Mrs. Bowrne possession of the land. Misunderstandings that have arisen in the whole affair.

June 13. The Arke. 17. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsynghm. By the number of Irishmen it was thought the Spanish fleet was intended for Ireland or Scotland. Can do no good with the wind, as it is at the west, and blows so hard that only the largest ships dare ride in the Sound. Such weather was never seen at this time of year. Their victuals would be out on Saturday, and no new supplies had arrived. The men behave admirably, none have mutinied though all know they are short of provisions. Kindly handled they will bear want and run through fire and water; but their want of victuals is distressing. Intelligence that the fleet was off the Rock.

June 14. The Arke, Plymouth. 18. Same to same. That they had endured very stormy weather. Complains of not being informed of the proceedings in the Low Countries. It is the opinion of himself, Drake, Hawkyns, and Frobisher, that it would have been best to attack the Spaniards on their own coasts. It is probable they have before this landed in Scotland or Ireland. Wishes King Anthony had set foot in his own country to give King Philip occupation there. They have had three days continued storm, and have "daunced as lustily as the "gallantest dauncers in the Courte." Provisions had not yet arrived for them. Praises the conduct of Sir F. Drake.

June 14. Carisbrook Castle. 19. Sir George Carey to Walsyngham. Against the mutinous practices of Mr. Worseley and Mr. Dillington. The gentlemen of the island have disavowed Dillington's actions and desire that the articles exacted by him and Worseley may be cancelled in Carey's presence.

June 15. 20. Names of certain noblemen fit to be employed in service by land; eleven in number.

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June 15 ? 21. Memoranda of public business by Burghley:—Letters to be written to the nobility, to the Earl of Pembroke and Sir John Perrot, for Wales. Household servants. Supply of powder to the Earl of Huntingdon. Numbers of men in several counties, &c.

June 15 ? 22. Resolutions taken by the Lords and others of the Privy Council for the strengthening of the realm. The Queen to appoint a general over the forces to attend on her own person. Other officers to be appointed. Letters to the Lords Lieutenants of counties and to noblemen to attend the Queen. Men to be drawn out of the Inland counties. Household servants to be enrolled. Recusants committed to the Tower, &c.

June 15. 23, 24. The Queen to Earl Pembroke, Lord President of Wales. Directs him to repair to Milford Haven, to be in readiness to defend that haven, which from its depths and commodiousness might be selected for the descent of the Spaniards. Sir John Perrot has been desired to assist him. [*Two copies.*]

June 15. 25. The Queen to Sir John Perrot. Directs him to stay in the county of Pembroke to assist the Lord President of Wales in the defence of Milford Haven, where it is probable the Spaniards might endeavour to effect a landing.

June 15. The Arke, Plymouth Sound. 26. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Has received the Queen's directions for him not to go over towards Spain. It was the opinion of all the most experienced commanders in his company that they ought to proceed at once to the coast of Spain. Their reasons for that opinion. The delay in waiting for the Spanish fleet would consume their provisions. Hopes Her Majesty will think that what they meant to do was not rashly determined on. Will now follow the Queen's directions. The stormy weather continues. They have lain seven days in the Sleeve, a most dangerous place in such weather.

June 15. 27. Alexander Nowell and Tho. Powell to the Council. That they were unable to bring the matter in controversy between Walter Davyes and Mr. Mounslowe to any satisfactory conclusion. The Dean of St. Paul's (Nowell) being weak and sickly, begs to be relieved from any further trouble therein.

June 16. 28. A note of things agreed on by the Council, but not resolved on by Her Majesty for the defence of the realm:—The choice of a General and principal officers; a Constable of the Tower. Committal of a dozen of the principal Recusants to the Tower, &c.

June 16 ? 29. Note of things put in execution concerning the defence of the realm. The household servants to be put in readiness.

June 16 ? 30. Minutes of business to be propounded in Council:—Stay of the Scots in Holland; counties to be furnished with powder; defence of Ireland; defence of the mouth of the Thames, &c. [*On the 17th June letters were written to Lord Willoughby to find means to stay the Scottish Companies in Holland. Co. Reg.*]

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June 16? 31. Another memorial of things to be propounded in Council; probably of the same date as the preceding.

June 17. 32. The Council to the Commissioners of Musters for the Isle of Purbeck. Many of the gentlemen having left the island, their lands were to be taxed for the furnishing of the trained bands with muskets and other necessary provision.

June 17. 33. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. Report that the Spanish fleet was at Ushant. He was fully certain that the Prince of Parma's enterprizes to annoy England will not go forward; but if they should, he thinks the Isle of Wight would be his mark. Could best be defended from any sudden attack by 20 hoys stationed in the Thames, such as Harwich and Ipswich have set forth. Recommends the recall at once of the Commissioners from treating with Parma.

June 18. 34. The Queen to certain Lords. Declaring the necessity for speedily putting the realm in a posture of defence to resist the attempts of Spain, and relying upon them to put themselves in readiness to attend upon her person, with such a convenient number of lances and light horse as may stand with their abilities.

June 19. Dover. 35. Tho. Bredghatt, Mayor, and Jurats of Dover to Walsyngham. Examination of one Adryan Menneck, lately arrived from Calais, on whom had been found a map or chart of all the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland. They had also examined his servants, thinking him a person vehemently to be suspected as a spy from the Prince of Parma.

June 19. 36. Walsyngham to Burghley. He received his letter in bed waiting for the recurrence of his fit. Has sent the letter to Her Majesty. Mr. Robert Carye was quite recovered, and was the most fit man to be sent into Scotland. Is sorry to see so great a danger hanging over the realm so slightly regarded and so carelessly provided for. Would to God the enemy were no more careful to assail than we to defend.

June 19. The Arke. 37. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. He would see that his opinion of the French King, and of the treacherous treaty of peace, was likely to come to pass; delay only was intended. The King of Spain has engaged his honor to the uttermost for the overthrow of England, and therefore Her Majesty must be prepared. In his own service, on every question of moment, he consults Sir F. Drake, Lord Tho. Howard, Lord Sheffield, Sir Roger Williams, Mr. Hawkyns, Mr. Frobisher, and Mr. Tho. Fenner, as a council of war; the two noblemen are most gallant gentlemen. For the love of God, let Her Majesty care not now for charges. Lord Harry must be strengthened in the Narrow Seas. Prays Her Majesty, if he fall in service, that she will bestow his boy upon his poor wife and let her have the keeping of Hampton Court or Oatlands, as he shall not leave her so well off as so good a wife doth deserve.

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June 38. The Vantguard, in the Downs. 38. Sir Wm. Wynter to Walsyngham. Details his reasons for supposing the Prince of Parma would find it extremely difficult to land his forces on the English coasts, to co-operate with the Spaniards in the invasion of England. It would require a fleet of 300 ships at least to bring over his force of 30,000 men, and he never would attempt it in face of the fleet of England and Holland. Advertisements of the position of the Spanish Armada. Thinks that the Lord Admiral, being at Plymouth, was not in a good position, as the wind which would bring the Spaniards would not suffer him to get out.

June 20. Westminster, in the Checquer Chamber. 39. Lord Burghley to same. With a copy of the certificate of the forces in Lincolnshire received from Sir Edw. Dymocke. *Incloses,*

39. 1. *Certificate of musters of the forces within the county of Lincoln, with the names of the captains and officers commanding them.*

June 20. 40. Bond of Sir Wm. Catesby to pay the sum of 10*l.* to William Coller, *alias* Gillame, on the account of Kelham Hedges. Also, another bond by Sir Wm. Catesby to defend all actions against the said Kelham Hedges, as administrator of the estate of his brother Edw. Hedges, deceased.

June 20. 41. Assignment by Robert Greenwood of his interest in the rectory and parsonage of Belgrave, co. Leicester, to Mr. Tho. Cave.

June 21. 42. Memorial of public business, in Lord Burghley's hand.

June 21. 43. Memorial by Lord Burghley, relative to the supply of ordnance and powder. Iron pieces to be sent to the forts in Norfolk and Suffolk. Powder to be sent to the Earl of Huntingdon.

June 22. Carmarthen. 44. The Deputy Lieutenants of Carmarthen to the Council. Have viewed the horsemen and trained men of the county. That it was with the greatest difficulty they could persuade the inhabitants to provide arms and munition, on account of the poverty of the country and the heavy burthens they have already sustained. *Inclosing,*

44. 1. *Certificate of the musters of the county of Carmarthen. Names of the captains and quantity of armour and munitions.*

June 22. The Arke. 45. Lord Adm. Howard to the Council. Has received their letters, conveying the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence in whatever they should resolve on for her service. They will act according to their best judgments, but God disposes of all. They pray that He will send her a most honorable victory. He recommends that her Majesty should have 12,000 able men about her own person, for 10,000 well trained were of more service than 40,000 from other parts of the realm. There are 6,000 men in the fleet, well trained, whom he could land on any emergency. Their

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victuals are not yet come. Requests that 5,000*l.* may be sent for extraordinary charges, as many have fallen sick and pray to be discharged.

June 22. The Arke. 46. Lord Admiral Howard to Walsyngham. Is sorry Her Majesty will not thoroughly awake in this perilous time. It will greatly touch her honor if the Commissioners for Peace should not safely come back again. Has been out at sea to look for the victuallers, but obliged to put back again. For the love of God let the Narrow Seas be well strengthened. Presses Her Majesty to have 10,000 or 12,000 well-trained forces about her. God of his mercy bless her.

June 23. 47, 48. Information by Sir Francis Godolphin of the discovery of the Spanish fleet off the Scilly Isles. Nine sail of great ships between Scilly and Ushant, their sails all crossed over with a red cross. English boats chased and fired at. [*Two copies.*]

June 23. On board the Rainbow. 49. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. They gave chace to two small vessels which came from Dunkirk, and fired at them because they did not strike colours to the English ships. The wind having changed to north-north-east and marvellous foul weather, they have taken shelter on the English coast. Thirty sail in sight, supposed to be Hollanders. Has strained his hand with hauling of a rope. Desires a supply of six weeks' victuals at the least.

June 23. The Arke. 50. Lord Admiral Howard to the Queen. Has forborne writing, hoping the wind would have changed. Has several times put to sea, but been driven back again to Plymouth. Their victuals arrived on Saturday night, and they all set about to get it on board; no man shall sleep nor eat till it is all shipped. Hopes to sail to-morrow morning. Intelligence had been brought of the Spanish fleet, and that it was probably scattered by the storm, and he hoped to meet with them off the coast of France. Implores her, for the love of Jesus Christ, to awake thoroughly and to see the villainous treasons around about her.

June 23. The Arke. 51. The same to Walsyngham. Thanks for his letter and intelligence. Cannot send the names of certain towns, as Sir F. Drake has the note of them. They have received their victuals. The foul weather of last Thursday has surely dispersed the Spanish fleet. Let Her Majesty trust no more to Judas's kisses, but to defend herself like a noble and mighty prince, and to trust to her sword rather than to the word of her enemies. Intelligence that the Spanish fleet meant to go to the coast of France and to receive there the Duke of Guise and great forces.

June 23. On board the Arke. 52. Same to the Council. Intends to sail within two hours. Their victuals arrived last night, and they have labored hard to get it in. Desires money to be sent to Mr. Darrell to re-victual the ships if the port towns are not ready to do it.

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June 24. The Revenge. 53. Sir Fr. Drake to Walsyngham. The Spanish fleet had been met with off the English coast by three barks, to whom they gave chase and fired at them. They shall be sought out and encountered. Accredits his servant Jonas Bodenham.

June 24. 54. A memorial for the Lord Admiral of the names of the ships, their tonnage, and number of men sent by the States of Holland to Lord Henry Seymour; in all 20 ships, the largest only of 85 tons burden.

June 24. Grayes. 55. The Deputy Lieutenants of Oxfordshire to Walsyngham. Sends a note of the names of the martial men within their shire. *Inclosing,*

55. 1. *The names of such men residing within the county of Oxford as have borne office in the wars.*

June 24. 56. Lord Burghley to same. Has received with his letter the copy of a roaring hellish bull, of which 12,000 copies had been printed in Antwerp; it is but a summary of Card. Allen's book Approved of the proclamation for its suppression, but suggests a little alteration. Will be at Court on Wednesday, although there is to be a great meeting of the Council and the Lords at Westminster on that day. Sometimes when suddenly called to Court the time is not spent in serious causes. *Incloses,*

56. 1. *Declaration by Queen Elizabeth to all her faithful subjects setting forth the ambitious designs of the King of Spain against England, her endeavours to preserve peace by treaty with the Duke of Parma, the delays practised in order to enable the King of Spain to raise a mighty power for invasion of the realm, the aid given by the Pope in creating one Allen a Cardinal, the publication of Card. Allen's book, which, although but a blast or puff of a beggarly scholar and traitor, was intended as a traitorous trumpet to wake up all robbers and Catholics in England against their sovereign. Her Majesty's care for defence of the realm. Exhorts all her subjects to pray to God for His protection to defeat the malice of her enemies, to the exaltation of His glory and the honor of the realm. Indorsed, "A draught of a proclamation, "but not published."*

June 24. Kirtling. 57. Lord North to same. Has received the Queen's letter of thanks to her good subjects for their forward and ready goodwill, and will speak with the gentlemen of the county to find how far they can enlarge with horse and foot. Reasons for not having sent the certificate of the forces of the shire, but promises it before the 1st of July. Has never received any letter to certify the names of the martial men: none however reside in that shire.

June 26. The Rainbow. 58. Lord Henry Seymour to same. It is his opinion the Prince of Parma will not attempt anything against England this year for

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want of shipping, although he had 30,000 expert soldiers in readiness. Fears they will never attempt it. Scotch affairs. The brothers Musgrave, captains of Yarmouth and Lyme, have promised to supply another month's victuals at their own cost.

June 26. 59. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. A note that he hoped to intercept the vessel that should go out of Dunkirk for Spain. She may escape him, but then will probably fall into the hands of my Lord Admiral.

June 27. Lambhith. 60. Archbishop Whitgyfte and others, High Commissioners of Recusancy, to Tho. Phillipps. Committing to his safe custody John Gifford, Esq., and to permit none to have access to him.

June 27. 61. A note of things to be propounded in Council for the defence of the realm:—Order to be taken with the Recusants; the proclamation against the bull; answers to letters, &c.

June 27. 62. Note of the rate and value of the powder and match appointed to be sent into Yorkshire.

June 28. 63. Examinations of four soldiers arrived at Dover on their return from the Low Countries taken before the Commissioners for the ordinary restraint of passengers. Their services under the Spaniards and escape therefrom on hearing of the intended invasion of England. Meeting of the Earl of Westmoreland and Sir Wm. Stanley.

June 28. Assignment of lease from Tho. Randolph to Theodore Sadleir of the herbage and pannage of the Park of Agardsley, parcel of the possessions of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the county of Stafford. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 8.]

June 29. Bridgewater. 64. The Deputy Lieutenants of Somerset to the Council. Have declared Her Majesty's commandment to the gentlemen of the county, who have willingly agreed to a larger proportion of furniture for horsemen and footmen, and will employ their whole forces to the uttermost.

June 29? 65. Certificate of the names of the martial men in the county of Somerset, with the places in which they have served.

June 29. 66. Sir Owyn Hopton, William Holstok, and Ric. Young to the Council. The masters and mariners inhabiting Blackwall and other places on the banks of the Thames were exempt from the land service, but have willingly consented to furnish 16 corselets, with armed pikes and all other furniture, to be returned after the service is done, as a full discharge for the brethren of the Trinity House.

June 30. Kirtling. 67. Lord North to Walsyngham. The Bishop's palaces at Ely, Downham, and at Somersam are places in which Recusants might be safely confined. Mr. Hutton and Mr. George Carleton were men fit to be intrusted with the keeping of them. Requests to be supplied with corselets, powder, and muskets.

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June 30. 68. Edw. Lord Morley to the Council. Has been called upon to contribute towards resisting the foreign attempts against this realm, his natural and sweet country. He will have in readiness for Her Majesty's service 20 light horses, 30 muskets, and 70 calivers, at his own expense: although his estate at this present, owing to his father's fond departure, has been very much reduced.

June 30. Greenwich. 69. The Council to the Marquis of Winchester and Earl of Sussex. Send answers to their propositions for the public service.

June 30. 70. Declaration by Jas. Quarles of the victualling of the ships, as well those under the Lord Admiral, southward, as those with Lord H. Seymour on the Narrow Seas.

June. 71. Note of the number of men remaining in the Maritime counties for the defence of the coast: besides those that are drawn out to make head against the enemy.

June? 72. Note of the forces appointed to repair to the places of descent in the Maritime counties; with the names of the principal captains in each county to have the leading of them.

June. 73. The number of men appointed to be drawn from the Inland counties to make an army for the defence of Her Majesty's person.

June. 74. The number of men appointed to be drawn together to make an army to encounter the enemy.

June. 75. List, in the hand of Sir John Norreys, of the names of the colonels for particular regiments in the Army to be sent to the sea side: the counties the same as in the above.

June. 76. Copy of the above.

June. 77. The number of men appointed to attend Her Majesty's person, and names of the gentlemen fit to be colonels in several shires.

June. 78. The names of certain gentlemen fit to be chosen colonels, of foot and horse, in Cornwall and Devon.

June. 79. The number of men appointed to be drawn together to make an army for the defence of Her Majesty's person, reduced into regiments, with the names of the colonels appointed to command them.

June. 80. Similar list of numbers and names; distinguishing those appointed to attend on Her Majesty.

June? 81. Certificate of musters of the whole number of men, as well horsemen as footmen, in the county of Hereford, and of the numbers trained and the captains commanding them.

June. 82. Certificate of the whole number of horse and foot furnished by the clergy of the diocese of Ely. Dr. Perne, the dean, finding one demi-lance, one light horse, a petronel, a pikeman, and a billman, and the rest of the clergy (by name) in proportion.

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June. 83. Report on the quantities of complete and other armour and weapons remaining in the armories in the Tower of London, Greenwich, Woolwich, Hampton Court, and Windsor.

June. 84. Proportion of ordnance, arms, and munition required for the furnishing of the armies that are described; the one to encounter the enemy, the other for the defence of Her Majesty's person.

June. 85. List of the principal officers belonging to a camp.

June. 86. The names of such gentlemen and martial men as have served in the Low Countries and other places, now residing within the county of Wilts.

June. 87. The names of such men as have served Her Majesty in her wars, and are now resident in Hampshire, with an opinion for what places they are fit to be employed in; with a similar list for the county of Dorset. Delivered in by Capt. Dawtrye.

June. 88. The names of such noblemen and gentlemen as have served in the wars, and the names of the captains and martial men about the Court and the city of London that have served and are fit for charge.

June. 89. A note of the footmen to be furnished by several shires, to form an army to attend Her Majesty's person, in the hand of Sir John Norreys.

June. 90. Certificate by Sir Walter Raleigh of the order for putting in readiness the 2,000 men of the county of Cornwall, with the names of the captains commanding them. Provision of wains and horses to convey them to any point at a moment's notice.

June. 91. Points to be considered of by the Lord Steward and others touching the means to be adopted for opposing the Spanish invasion, the officers requisite to be appointed, the forces to be drawn together, reserves to guard the sea coasts, &c. In Sir John Norreys' hand.

June. 92. Copy of the preceding.

June? 93. List of the castles and forts on the sea coasts and in the Isle of Wight to be furnished, with their captains and their wards.

June? 94. The number of soldiers necessary to be employed in divers parts of the realm, for defence of the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Dover, and the expenses of the same. Spanish.

June? 95. Information for Sec. Walsyngham, that the Spanish ships carried on board English, French, and other colours, and when challenged by the English ships they spoke French, and so passed on. Notice to be sent to Lord H. Seymour to search every one. The three ships gone from Dunkirk were manned with pilots for the Spanish fleets.

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June? 96. Order that none should be permitted to repair to the places of assembly but such as the Lieutenants should appoint; and for the appointment of standing watches at all thoroughfares and bridges to examine all persons repairing to the places of assembly.

June? 97. The true report of George Wod, who was racked and tormented by the commandment of the Marques of Santa Croce. His sailing from Ireland to Lisbon, and seizure as an English spy. Racked to give information, and his detention in prison. Describes the increase and state of the Spanish fleet, its equipment and force. Death of Santa Croce on the 8th February, a great tyrant and marvellously abhorred. Augmentation of the fleet with the ships of Italy with 5,000 sailors, "very simple and feeble creatures." Great fear throughout the fleet that England was strong enough and well prepared to encounter them. They make account of their beastly great ships, but any good English ship is able to combat with them.

June. 98. The Queen to ———; directing him to have in readiness certain numbers of men, to be chosen of the tallest and best picked men that he can possibly find out, and to have them in order to march to the town of Portsmouth by the 26th of June, to join the Navy there.

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July? 1. Declaration truly translated out of French into English of the army sent forth by the King of Spain from Lisbon, of the which is chief general the Duke of Medina Sidonia:—The numbers of all the vessels of war, amount of munitions, the number of soldiers, names of the chiefs of the army, of the men of justice, and of the masters of the camp. Ill luck to them all if they come into England.

July 2. 2. Lord North's certificate of the number of horse and foot he has in readiness of his voluntary offer to serve Her Majesty.

July 3. 3. Advertisements of preparations at Dunkirk. There were in all 37 ships of war at Dunkirk. Shipment of horses there. Arrival of the Bishop of Ross from Scotland. The conduct of the invasion committed to the Prince of Parma. The Cardinal of England (Allen) is looked for at Rheims; Father Parsons, secretary to the Jesuits, is at the Duke's court. All the abbeys and cloisters grind corn to bake biscuit and provide other victuals for the invading army.

July 3. Winchester. 4. Certificate by the Marquis of Winchester of his manner of proceedings with the Earl of Sussex for carrying into effect the instructions of the Council for defence of the county of South-

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ampton. Objections of the Earl of Sussex to act upon the answer or advice of Sir John Norreys. Complaints of Viscountess Bindon against Henry Deering and his Irish servants. Angry disputations between the Marquis, the Earl of Sussex, and the Bishop of Winchester. The Bishop declared he had mustered the forces of the clergy under the very nose of the Marquis. The Marquis answered that albeit he was well "nosed," yet not so long as to reach or smell from Tidworth to Winchester, being 16 miles.

July 3. 5. Brief note of extraordinary payments out of the receipt of the Exchequer from Lady Day 1588 to the 3d of July following. Payments to John Hawkyns, treasurer of the Admiralty, James Quarles, victualler, Francis Cotton for Portsmouth, &c.

July 3. 6. Memoranda, in Burghley's hand, of debts required to be paid, and for which money must be provided.

July 3. 7. Note of the allowance given by Her Majesty to Mr. Edward Baeshe for victualling the Royal Navy in harbour and at sea, at divers rates.

July 4. 8. The answers of the Mayors of the Coast towns what order they have taken for the victualling the ships set forth by them to assist the Lord Admiral; with the names of the ships set forth by the Western ports.

July 4. 9. Reasons offered by Sir F. Drake to maintain his opinion in favor of the departure of the English fleet for the coast of Spain, and to fight the Spaniards upon their own coasts.

July 4. 10. Considerations proposed by Mr. Tho. Fenner to move the proceeding of the English fleet for the coast of Spain, to intercept the Spanish ships on their return, it being presumed the fleet had dispersed, and were making homewards.

July 4. Stourton. 11. John Lord Stowrton to the Council. He has provided and furnished six lances and 14 light horses of his own household servants, and is ready to attend with them upon Her Majesty's sacred person, and is very sorry his ability yieldeth not a far greater number.

July 4. Ivychurch. 12. Earl of Pembroke to Walsyngham. Approves of the forces of Wales being intrusted to Sir John Perrott. It is impossible for him from his own means to undertake the defence of Milford Haven without a sufficient number of men. Weakness of the country in those parts, and great scarcity of powder and other munitions.

July 5. Huntingdon. 13. The Justices of Huntingdonshire to the Earl of Leicester, Lord Steward. Desiring that they may not be further charged with providing sheep and cattle for the Household, their county not being suited for pasture. The county would willingly supply yearly 15 dozen of capons, 15 dozen of hens, 15 dozen of pullets, and 15 dozen of chickens for Her Majesty's Household.

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July 5. Chelmsford. 14. Sir Henry Graye and Sir Tho. Mildmay to the Earl of Leicester. Report the state of the forces in the county of Essex The gentlemen of the shire had assembled at Chelmsford, and voluntarily consented to furnish 38 horsemen and 94 foot, in addition to their former charge. Request an allowance for Mr. Twiddye, appointed Provost Marshal. Desire his directions as to the appointing of the 2,000 of the trained bands to attend the Queen's person.

July 5. 15. Note of emptions or small stores to be provided for the service of the army; with the cost of the same.

July 5. Plymouth. 16. Marmaduke Darell to the Council. Report of the victualling of the Navy; ships now at sea under the Lord Admiral. Is ignorant of the cost of victualling the ships belonging to the port towns. He is indebted nearly 900*l*., owing to the detention of the fleet in harbour. *Incloses,*

16. 1. *A note of the number of ships and men now at sea serving under the Lord Admiral and Sir F. Drake, with the time of their victualling; including the ships set forth by the city of London, and the coast ships.*

July 6. Plymouth. 17. Same to Walsyngham. Sends him a copy of the number of ships and men serving under the Lord Admiral and of the time for which they are victualled.

July 6. On board the Arke. 18. Lord Adm. Howard to same. Delay in receiving his letters. By them he learns that he thought the French King would lend no assistance to the Spaniards. Stafford's letter said there was money sent to Brest and Conquet, for the relief of the Spaniards' fleet if it arrive there. If they touched there it was certain they intended to join the forces of the Duke of Parma, and no doubt Sir Henry Seymour would stop them. Part of the Spanish fleet had been discovered off the Scilly Isles, but had been dispersed by the stormy weather, in which he thinks the Spaniards have suffered much. He has divided his fleet in three parts, in order to discover the Spanish fleet; himself in mid-channel, Sir F. Drake off Ushant and Mr. Hawkyns towards Scilly.

July 7. 19. Lord Henry Howard to same. Requires his favorable protection of his innocency, some having endeavoured to revive the sparks of indignation in Her Majesty's conceit. It is not in his power to stay the rage of malice and prejudice. The end of his ambition is a merry, quiet, and contented poor estate, with the favor of his Sovereign. Has never meddled with affairs of state since the Queen's refusal of his services.

July 7. 20. Memorial delivered by the Earl of Pembroke, Lord President of Wales, concerning the state of that country for martial services and as to his repair into those parts; to be considered of by Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Authority given to Sir John Perrot as Lieutenant General.

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July 8. Southampton House. 21. Tho. Arundell to Walsyngham. Requests that the man named Barton lately committed to the Tower, supposed to have been his servant, might be strictly examined so as to clear him from any suspicion of participating in his evil practices. Has not yet been employed in any honorable service for Her Majesty as had been promised to him.

July 8. St. Colomb. 22. The Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall to Sir Walter Raleigh, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and Lord Warden of the Stannaries. The gentlemen of the shire have consented to increase the armour for horse and foot to the utmost of their powers; but none can be procured within the county. Directions have been given for putting the 2,000 men in readiness.

July 8. 23. The Council to Marmaduke Darell. Directions to make provision of a month's victuals for the ships serving under the Lord Admiral and Sir F. Drake. Money would be sent with Mr. Richard Quarles for payment of the 900*l.* and what other money might be spent for provisions. *Inclosing,*

23. 1. *The Council to the Deputy Lieutenants and others in certain counties. To assist Mr. Darrell in making provision of victuals for the fleet.*

July 8. Eaton. 24. —— Throkmerton to his mother Mrs. Katherine Throkmerton. Requests her to permit the manor of Greane to descend to him, in such sort as her father left it to her.

July 9. London. 25. Audley Danett to Tho. Wylkes. Requests him to reserve some of his favor for him as well as Mr. Marre. Refers him for news to Mr. Dorington. Dr. Clarke, who is also in displeasure, has become malcontent. Longs to see him restored to his place at court. Playfully advises him and others in disgrace to make their confession, and so to be restored again to the mother church.

July 9. Leatherhead. 26. The Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey to the Council. The 1,500 men had been trained and furnished with arms, but the number of 1,800 men could not be furnished, unless 300 of them might be armed with bows.

July 9. Leatherhead. 27. Same to the same. They had effectually moved the gentlemen of the shire upon this extraordinary occasion to increase their proportions of horses and armour, to serve Her Highness in this action.

July 9. 28. Bond of John Yeat to deliver to Mr. Gyles Porter, of Mykelton in co. Gloucester, 41 quarters of good, clean, merchantable, and well-winnowed wheat, growing on the land of the said John Yeat in the fields of Brodmerston.

July 9. Harolston. 29. Sir John Perrot to Sir F. Walsyngham. Had not sought any place of authority, but only to do his duty, as any other subject, for defence of his country. Hopes to find the people willing to

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serve under him. The country is not well furnished with arms. Marvels the Council have not sent a supply of arms and munition to the places where it was suspected the Spaniards might land. The Earl of Pembroke has not yet come. Intelligence of the Spaniards at sea; no doubt the Lord Admiral shall return with a most honourable victory; which God send him.

July 10? 30. Account of the charges of the sixteen ships and four pinnaces set out by the City of London, at the rate of 2,291*l.* per month. The City are content to victual them for one month longer to the 10th of August.

July 11. 31. Declaration of the account of the receipts and expenditure by James Quarles, surveyor of the victuals for the Navy, beginning the 1st of July 1587 and ending the last of June 1588.

July 11. Plymouth. 32. Marmaduke Darell to the Council. Will use all diligence possible in supplying the fleet with victuals, which he hopes to do within a month's time. The crews in both fleets have been for some time placed on short allowance. Arrangement for sending the victuals to the ships.

July 12. 33. Warrant to prepare sufficient books and grants for the exchange of certain lands between the Queen and the Earl of Leicester.

July 12. The Rainbow. 34. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. Never saw the like of such summer weather. Has been obliged to return to the English coast on account of the westerly gales of wind. It is in vain for the Spaniards to heap on braveries for the conquering little England, which has always been renowned and is now most famous by its great discovered strength. The Duke of Parma's design is wholly against Zealand. *Incloses,*

34. I. *Note of the coast ships that are discharged, or absent principally from the want of victuals.*

July 12. Rochester. 35. Sir Tho. Scott and Sir Tho. Fane, senr., to Lord Burghley. Have been busy with Sir John Norreys in viewing the forces of Kent. They think 2,000 men may be spared to attend Her Majesty's person, and 4,000 to make head against the enemy after he is landed. Mr. Wm. Sidley has been chosen provost-marshal. Recommend the Lord Lieutenant should have the command of the army himself. The trained archers have been furnished with muskets.

July 12. The Vine. 36. William Lord Sandys to the Council. States his embarrassed circumstances, yet he will be ready to bring into the field, for the defence of Her Majesty, himself and household servants, to the number of ten horses and geldings, furnished in armour of proof, and with the help of his tenants he may furnish still more.

July 12. 37. Jos. Marre to Tho. Wylkes. The Earl of Essex has returned to the Court. The Lord President will have some speech with him this night in behalf of Mr. Wylkes.

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July 12. Richmond. 38. Tho. Edmondes to Tho. Wylkes. Is willed by his master [Walsyngham] to inform him he thinks it would be best for him to reconcile himself to the Earl of Leicester through the influence of Mr. Fowler, and so to recover Her Majesty's favor. Mr. Wylkes would not be likely to find his master at Barnelms, but he will be sure to second his cause.

July 39. 39. Petition of Tho. Wylkes to the Queen. Having borne the intolerable weight of her heavy displeasure for more than a whole year, since his return from the Low Countries, prays to be restored to her accustomed favor and grace, and to employ the residue of his wretched years in her service.

July 13. 40. Sir Tho. Scott to Lord Burghley. Disposition of the forces in the county of Kent to withstand the enemy's landing; himself and Sir Jas. Hales to be at the places formerly assigned and the other half of the shire to Sir Henry Cobham and Sir Tho. Fane.

July 13. Lambeth. 41. Archbishop Whitgyfte to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Sends the certificate of the horse and armour furnished by the clergy of St. Asaph. The other Bishops are occupied about the same matter, but require a longer time before they send in their returns. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Certificate of horses and armour furnished by the clergy within the diocese of St. Asaph: with the names of all the clergy and the numbers provided by each.*

July 13. [Plymouth.] 42. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Boats of all sorts have been sent out from time to time to discover the Spanish fleet; but the foul weather had prevented them from making the coast of Spain. Great storms off the Scilly Islands had driven them back again. Prays God to preserve the fleet from sickness, for they fear that more than any hurt the Spaniards could do them.—P. S. by Sir F. Drake that great care had been taken to send out boats for intelligence.

July 14. 43. Abstract of the answers of the Mayors of the coast towns in the West to the order they had received for the re-victualling of the ships under the Lord Admiral; with the names of the ships set forth by them and of the number of men belonging to the same.

July 14. Braintree. 44. Thomas Lord D'Arcie, of Chiche, to the Council. Excuses his delay. Is ready with ten lances, ten light horses, and ten petronels, well furnished, to venture his life for Her Majesty, in this or any other quarrel it may please her to appoint.

July 14. Richmond. 45. Minute of the Council for a letter to Sir Fr. Godolphin and Ric. Carewe, Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall. To repay to John Rasheley 500*l.* which had been employed by him in setting forth one ship and a pinnace, by a tax to be laid on the towns and hundreds adjoining.

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July 14. 46. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Thanks him for the two letters from France which were satisfactory. Is not satisfied with Mr. Dale's dealings. Dr. Allen will say the Queen hath solicited the Turk.

July 15. Sheffield Lodge. 47. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. The gentlemen in counties of Derby and Stafford have consented greatly to increase the number of lances and light horse, on condition that it should not be taken as a precedent. Of footmen they will have upwards of 400 of their servants in each county in readiness to attend them.

July 15. 48. Report of Peter Honnyngborn, deputy clerk of Her Majesty's store, of the value and quantity of stores taken, received, and issued from the storehouse at Deptford in 1587.

July 15. 49. The examination taken before Thos. Dabridgecourt, of Southampton, of John White, a blind man, and others concerning a forged passport under the Councils' hands; counterfeited by one Robert Richardson, a scrivener's man. *Inclosed,*

49. I. *Passport counterfeited for John White, a blindman, to pass into Ireland to collect alms for the space of two months next ensuing. Greenwich, July* 4, 1588.

49. II. *Geo. Poulett to Thos. Dabridgecourt. Sends the bearer who had exhibited a passport which appeared to be counterfeit. Crondall, July* 14, 1588.

July 15. 50. An estimate of the charge for victualling the fleet in the Narrow Seas, under Sir Henry Seymour; with a note by Lord Burghley to pay the same to Mr. Quarles.

July 16. 51. Memorandum by Sir Edward Hobbie of the business on which he had been sent up by the Lord Admiral to give an account of what had passed, and to learn Her Majesty's pleasure for further proceedings.

July 16. 52. Lord Burghley to Sir F. Walsyngham. Has had a painful and restless night, and been thinking on the matters passed in speech of yesterday. Recommends that Sir Robert Constable be joined in commission with Sir John Norreys to survey the Thames. Message to be returned to the Duke of Parma that Her Majesty thought the treaty for peace was merely designed to gain time, but she will be contented to renew the treaty when these great forces shall have done their worst. Remembers sending to Walsyngham the plot of the Thames, that Sir Wm. Wynter did draw.

July 16. Exeter. 53. John Peryam, Mayor of Exeter, and his brethren of the city to the Council. Beseeching them to make an order for the Stannaries to contribute towards the charge of setting out ships in warlike manner for the Queen's service. Desire the heavy charges upon their city may be lessened.

July 16. 54. ℣ [Gilbert Gifford] to Walsyngham (?). The time is come again that he shall be able to do no less service than before, his only stay being want of money. Thinks Stafford has dealt underhand

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with the Cardinal against him. Commends Lillye who is always true to Walsyngham. Since the 5th instant has not heard of the Spanish army, but it was thought it would not touch England this year. The impression was that the intention of King Philip was to settle one of his bastard sons on the English throne.—P. S. All the above was written in presence of his enemies and was untrue. Lillye is the notablest knave in the world. The Earl of Westmoreland was well received by the Duke of Parma.

July 17. London. 55. Edward Barker, registrar, to Walsyngham. That it was unlawful for a man to marry his uncle's wife, although the Pope had often granted dispensation in such cases. [*Mutilated.*]

56. Copy of the preceding; supplying some words.

July 17. Plymouth. 57. Thomas Cely to Lord Burghley. Would have written oftener, but that he had been employed by the Lord Admiral and Sir F. Drake to gain intelligence of the Spanish fleet. The Armada had been distressed by the storm, but had received a new supply of provisions from Lisbon, and were preparing to proceed on their wicked and malicious attempt. The English fleet would have met with them at the Groyne, if God had not sent a contrary wind. There will be no quietness while the King of Spain gets his money from the Indies. Has received rebukes for giving advice, although he has had 32 sundry torments in the inquisition, and 13 years in prison for Her Majesty's sake. Has a secret plan to divulge that may be of the utmost consequence.

July 17. From his house, near the Savoy. 58. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Sends a letter to be forwarded to Mr. Darell, touching the victualling of the Navy. Is sorry Her Majesty disapproved of sending some person expressly to the Duke of Parma. Has been so weakened in spirits by his last night's torments as to be unable to rise out of his bed. *Incloses,*

58. *Burghley to Mr. Darell at Plymouth. Directions to make a new provision for victualling the fleet under the Lord Admiral and Sir F. Drake, for one month more. Money will be sent to him for that purpose. July* 17, 1588.

58. II. *A report on the progress of the Spanish Armada; with an estimate of the numbers of ships and complement of soldiers and munition.*

July 17. Plymouth. 59. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Sends an estimate of their charges at sea, and requests to be supplied with money, otherwise they could not keep together. When it shall please Her Majesty the army shall be dissolved it would save much if they were paid off at once.

July 17. Plymouth. 60. Same to Walsyngham. Two flyboats of Encuysen, which had put into Bayonne, brought word that none of the Spanish fleet were there since their return from the English coast. Will make all haste he can, with Drake, to get out. They had been

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obliged to put in for water, but neither sickness nor death should delay them. Never saw nobler minds than were now at Plymouth. A great fault has been made which might have caused much more misery, had he not in time looked into it. Defends Mr. Hawkyns from some unjust imputations.

July 17. Plymouth. 61. John Hawkyns to Burghley. Sends an estimate of the charges which increase daily, though the Lord Admiral does everything in his power to decrease them. The four great ships are in most royal and perfect estate, but some on board them have no good will to see the coast of Spain in them. The Bear had sprung a leak, which however had been promptly stopped. The strength of the ships generally has been well tried. *Incloses,*

61. I. *An estimate of the money to be sent to Plymouth for the ships under the Lord Admiral and Sir Francis Drake.*

July 17. 62. Tho. Fenner to Walsyngham. Has been on the coast of Brittany and intercepted three great flyboats, from which he learned that the Golden Rose of Encuysen, a Hollander with a pass from the Earl of Leicester, was laden with wool and two tons of silver for Dunkirk. Has been ordered to cruise off the coast of France. Prays God that he may have the happiness to do some effectual service for his gracious mistress and country. There never had happened such an opportunity to beat down the Spanish pride. Dispersion of the Spanish fleet by storms; six large ships had returned to Lisbon, full of sick men.

July 18. 63. Lord Burghley to same. Sends a letter just received from Andreas de Loo. There is no occasion to break off the treaty, if it may bring peace or win time. Great complaints are made of the insupportable charges of the musters. It would be very unreasonable to demand new subsidies. A general murmur of peevish and malcontented people will increase the ill feeling. Hopes to get out of his bed this day.

July 18. The Rainbow, in the Downs. 64. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. Finds no difference between winter and summer, saving that the days are longer. Has heard of 50 sail of Lisbon ships on their way to join the Dunkirk fleet. Has taken Gurdeon's ship and two fly-boats. The storm which rose immediately after was most outrageous; he never saw greater. Solicits a supply of money, the men being 16 weeks unpaid, and he can hardly keep them from mutiny.

July 18. 65. John Byrd and John Watts to same. Advertisements touching the Spanish army. They had desisted from the exportation of grain on account of the present scarcity, but request that others may be prevented from unlawfully exporting corn without licence. *Inclosing,*

65. I. *A relation of the army of Spain, of the shipping, munitions, victuals, and men, both soldiers and mariners, printed in Lisbon and presented to the King the 9th day of May* 1588.

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July 19. 66. Lord Burghley to same. Is greatly troubled at the demand for money for wages and victualling the fleet, for the office of the Ordnance and other charges, which could not be supplied. If peace cannot be had it were to be wished the enemy would no longer delay but prove his evil fortune. Has spoken with Palavicino and with Saltonstall for the taking up of 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.*, at 10 per cent.

July 19. Richmond. 67. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Tho. Wylkes, Clerk of the Council. Will not fail to second the endeavours of Sir John Norreys to restore him to the good opinion and favor of the Lord Steward.

July 19. 68. A note of all the ships now at sea under the charge of the Lord Admiral and Sir Francis Drake, with their number of men including the ships set forth by the city of London and the coast towns; victualled till the 10th of August.

July 20. On board the Rainbow. 69. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. The flat-bottomed boats meant to be transported from Gravelin to Dunkirk, were intended by the Duke for Wakerland only; they were no more fit be hazarded at sea than wherries or cockboats. Recommends special care be taken for defence of the Isle of Wight and Sandwich. Fears not the Spaniards either this year or the next, if Her Majesty would not be entertained with peace, but proceed to intercept the India fleet which was shortly to return. List of ships and vessels missing in the late storm.

July 20. 70. Sergeant Fletewood and Tho. Egerton, Solicitor-General, to the Council. Concerning the proceedings against Jesuits, Seminaries, and obstinate Recusants. They had set down a few articles for their examination to discern those that carry traitorous and malicious minds against Her Majesty and the State from those whose simplicity is misled by ignorant and blind zeal.

July 20. 71. Dr. Ralph Gyfford to Tho. Wylkes. That he had spoken with the Earl of Leicester in his favor, and so far the ice is broken. His lordship showed himself greatly offended, but fears to speak personally with Wylkes, lest his fair speeches would enchant him, and has left the matter to another time. Has something to say to him he will not commit to paper.

July 20. 72. [Walsyngham ?] to Y [Gilbert Giffard]. His good friend is so honorably affected towards him that though his service has not had that effect as was wished, yet he thinks himself bound to continue his extraordinary favors towards him. Comments on past events and correspondence. The Spanish enterprise puts England to some trouble and charges, but truly we fear it not, for they shall find us so resolute and prepared that the good fellows who come shall have small cause to thank my Lord Cardinal for setting them on so hot a piece of service. The King of Spain must seek preferment elsewhere for his misbegotten brood, for England will not bear them.

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Discourse on the relations between England, France, and Spain. Desires him not to desist from giving advertisement of what he may learn. [*A minute in the handwriting of Tho. Phelippes.*]

July 21. The Court. 73. Sir John Norreys to Tho. Wylkes. The Earl of Essex had promised effectually to solicit the Lord Steward to accept a reconciliation. He has himself had an opportunity of speaking to Leicester in his favor. Substance of their conversation.

July 21. Sudeley. 74. Giles Lord Chandos to Walsyngham. The full number of 4,000 furnished men within his lieutenancy has been greatly lessened, as the Earls of Worcester and Pembroke and other gentlemen have withdrawn their retainers on special service for the defence of Her Majesty's person. Commends the bearer, his uncle Anthony Brugges, to receive pay as a muster master.

July 21. Sudeley. 75. Same to the Council. Has conferred with the gentlemen of the shire in his lieutenancy, and they had consented to increase their former proportion by 100 petronels and 200 footmen, very serviceably furnished, over and above their former numbers.

July 21. Chanon Row. 76. Gregory Lord Dacre to the same. Certifies that he can bring into the field ready furnished for defence of Her Majesty's person ten lances, ten light horse, ten petronels, forty corslets, twenty muskets, and twenty calivers; and is right sorry that his ability is so weakened by long suits in law that he cannot do more.

July 21. Lewes. 77. Richard Grene and Tho. Wylson, muster masters of Sussex, to Walsyngham. Certify their progress in the musters and training of the soldiers; the Lord Buckhurst has divided his days of musters into twelve, allotting two days for every Rape, to the great ease of the shire.

July 21. London. 78. Tho. Wylkes to the Earl of Leicester. Has sought by means of his good friends to be restored to his lordship's favor. Denies that ever there proceeded out of his mouth any word to Her Majesty that might prejudice his lordship in honor or reputation. Has most honored and loved him of all men living, and submits himself to make any satisfaction that he in honor or conscience may require.

July 21. Richmond. 79. Note of the charges of certain works to be done upon the Thames for defence against an enemy. 120 masts at 6*l.* the piece; anchors to moor the same; iron work for chains to lock them together.

July 21. On board the Arke, off Plymouth. 80. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Intelligence of the Spanish fleet off the Lizard. With great difficulty they worked out of harbour, and on Saturday got sight of them, consisting of above 100 sail, many of them of great burden. At 9 o'clock gave them fight, but did not venture amongst them, their fleet being so strong. The captains of Her Majesty's ships behaved themselves most bravely and like men. The southerly wind that brought us back

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from the coast of Spain brought them out. God blessed us with turning us back. Begs for the love of God to have some powder and shot sent to them.

July 21. 81. The Mayor of Plymouth and Mr. Darell to the Council. Intelligence that the Lord Admiral had engaged the Spanish fleet within sight of the town. He is to the windward of the enemy. They were sending to his assistance such men as the town and country will yield.

July 21. Off the Start. 82. Sir Fr. Drake to Lord Henry Seymour, Admiral of the fleet in the Narrow Seas, or to Sir Wm. Wynter. Sends him by direction of the Lord Admiral intelligence of the arrival of the Spanish fleet. They had encountered some of them, and they seem determined to sell their lives with blows. Directs him to put his ships in readiness to assist them in those seas. Salutes Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir Henry Palmer, and all the rest. God of his mercy give Her Majesty always victory over her enemies. The Spanish fleet are somewhat above a hundred sails.

July 21? 83. Answers to the requests of the Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey as to the number of soldiers to be furnished by that county and for forces of the clergy of the diocese of Winchester, being but few in number, to be dispersed among the several bands of the county. [*On the 21st of July a letter was written to the Bishop to agree to the above proposition. Co. Reg.*]

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July 22. Wellington. 1. John Popham, Attorney General, to Walsyngham. Discovery of the Spanish fleet to the number of eight score and two sails, which had been encountered by the Lord Admiral from nine in the morning till three in the afternoon. The Lord Chief Justice Anderson is therefore desirous to know if he and Popham shall continue their journey to Ireland. Intelligence from Spain. Our strength, through Her Highness, is so united that her enemies can never prevail against her.

July 22. Plymouth. 2. Marmaduke Darell to Lord Burghley. Will have in readiness the month's provisions required for the fleet and the ships of London serving under the Lord Admiral. Requests that the money may be made over by exchange to a merchant of Exeter where it would be most useful to him. Excuses his former list of the ships being imperfect. The whole fleet was now victualled till the 10th of August. The sudden appearance of the enemy's fleet has prevented some of the ships being fully victualled. Wants money. *Incloses,*

2. 1. *A list of all the ships now at the seas under the charge of the Lord Admiral and Sir Fr. Drake, with their numbers of men and time of victualling.* 4 *July.*

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2. II. *A list similar to the preceding, with notes by Lord Burghley.* 4 *July.*

2. III. *Declaration of the expenditure of* 5,600*l. received towards the victualling of the fleet at Her Majesty's charge under the Lord Admiral.* 22 *July.*

July 22. 3. Memorial in Burghley's hand of money to be paid for the Navy, the storehouses, and the Office of the Ordnance. The demands of Mr. Hawkyns.

July 22. 4. Memorial of public business determined in Council. The forces for Tilbury and Gravesend under the Earl of Leicester: Sir John Norreys, and Sir Tho. Leighton to attend him.

July 22. 5. Dr. Ralph Gifford to Tho. Wylkes. Advises him to alter certain expressions in his letter to the Lord Steward.

July 22. Hartilbury. 6. Bishop Freke to Archbishop Whitgyfte. Himself and the clergy of his diocese of Worcester have provided a band of 150 able footmen to be in readiness to serve when and where it shall be thought good. They are ready to spend their lives in defence of Her Majesty and their country.

July 22. Letherhead. 7. The Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey to Walsyngham. Certify the increase of horses and armour within the shire. That they had not included themselves in the certificate, but are ready to serve Her Majesty with horse and armour, as the case shall require. *Inclosing,*

7. I. *Certificate of the armour furnished by the gentlemen of Surrey and of the increase upon Her Majesty's letter.*

July 22. Ragland. 8. William Earl of Worcester to same. His willingness to do acceptable and loyal services to Her Majesty. He has summoned all his retainers and household servant, and finds he is able to bring into the field, for the defence of Her Majesty's person, 6 lances and 24 light horse, and is right well assured very shortly to be in readiness with a far greater number.

July 22. Leicester House. 9. The Earl of Leicester to same. Has talked with Peter Pett about the lighters and chain to stop the river at Tilbury, which are not sufficient unless strengthened with a competent number of masts placed before them. Has been down the river with Pett to view the place. Has no authority to command any troops if the enemy should land in Kent or Suffolk.

July 23. Tilbury. 10. Same to same. His report on the fortifications at Gravesend and Tilbury, Those at Tilbury are more out of order than at Gravesend. Requests that they may be supplied with powder, ordnance, and implements. Tilbury might be made impregnable, Each fort must be well furnished with provisions.

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July 23. 11. Anthony Lord Mountague to the Council. Hearing of the firing of the beacon on Portsdown, he sends a note of number of his servants he has in readiness. Desires to know if he should reserve his forces for the defence of the country, as he had not received letters as others have done for attendance on Her Majesty's person. *Incloses,*

11. I., II. *Certificate of the quantities of armour for horse and foot able to be furnished by Lord Mountague, for his own tenants.* [*Two copies.*]

July 23. The Rainbow, off Dover. 12. Lord Henry Seymour to the Council. Sends the original letters of Sir Fr. Drake informing him of the appearance of the Spanish fleet. Requests a supply of powder and shot forthwith. Their victuals would end on the last of the month. Has sent to the fleet of Zealand and Holland to desire their assistance.

July 23. Off Portland. 13. Nicholas Oseley to Sir F. Walsyngham. Has been with Sir Fr. Drake in the Revenge. Engagement with the Spanish fleet. Capture of two galleons and taking prisoner Don Pedro de Valdes, the third in command of the fleet, and Joan Martinez de Ricaldo, vice-admiral. Great disorder on board the Spanish ships; their reputed number 150 sail, divided twelve in a squadron. Requests some appointment on account of his long services in sending intelligence from Spain.

July 24. 14. List of the ships serving on the Narrow Seas under the command of Lord Henry Seymour.

July 24. 15, 16. List of the ships and men serving under the Lord Admiral with the 20 ships set forth by the city of London, to be victualled by Mr. Quarles for one month, from the 11th of August to the 7th of September inclusive. To be done with all possible speed. [*In duplicate.*]

July 24. 17. Names of eight ships of the Stade fleet to be put in readiness in the shortest time to be sent to the assistance of Lord H. Seymour; with the charges of the same.

July 24. 18. Brief note of the munitions sent from Portsmouth for the aid of the Lord Admiral.

July 24, The Court. 19. Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Desires to be especially remembered to the Earl of Leicester, and requests permission to assist in the English fleet under the Lord Admiral. Italian.

July 24. Wrest. 20. Henry Earl of Kent to same. Has received orders to send 17 lances and 40 light horse to Brentwood in Essex, under the Earl of Leicester, and 1,000 footmen to Stratford-on-the-Bowe near London. The county (of Bedford) could only furnish 400 footmen and hath not armour to furnish a thousand men. Desires to know if the 1,000 men to be sent to Stratford-on-Bow were to be sent unarmed.

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July 24. Gravesend. 21. The Earl of Leicester to the Council. Has received by Sir John Norreys Her Majesty's commission intrusting to him further authority for this service. Requests all their help and furtherance. He will send Norreys to Dover to put the coast in arms, for if the Spanish fleet arrived safely in the Narrow Seas it would be joined by the Duke of Parma, with all his forces. Nothing must be neglected to oppose this mighty enemy now knocking at our gates. There is no looking back now to any oversight past. The words the Queen spake to him at his departure has given great comfort to all, and he has not spared to blaze them abroad. Is going to Chelmsford. The camp is at West Tilbury.

July 24. Chelmsford. 22. Same to Walsyngham. That the attendance of the noblemen on Her Majesty, with their retainers, causes great reduction in the numbers of the trained bands. Suggests some order to be taken therein. The number of liveries (for retainers) gotten within the last six weeks is incredible and yet no man fears the penalty. Commends the course pursued by Lord Dacre. Is returning to-night to Tilbury.

July 24. 23. Abstract of the Earl of Leicester's two letters of the 24th of July to Sir F. Walsyngham and the Council. That the 1,000 men to be sent down out of London may be of the best sort, the army to be speedily assembled to withstand the enemy.

July 24. 24. Certificate of the numbers of light horse, petronels, musketeers, and calivers furnished by the clergy of the diocese of Oxford; with the names of the clergy contributing the same: besides bills and halberds assessed upon the poorer vicars and curates not certified.

July 24. London. 25. Tho. Wylkes to the Earl of Leicester. Trusts his former letter has reached him. Desires him to remit all former errors and to permit him to answer in his own defence and to hear the bearer, Mr. Fowler, in his behalf.

July [24?] 26. The Queen to Sir Thos. Heneage, Vice-Chamberlain, appointing him to be Treasurer at War of the armies levied to withstand any foreign invasion of the realm of England.

July 25. From the Camp. 27. The Earl of Leicester to Sir F. Walsyngham. News was spread of the taking of the Admiral or Vice-Admiral of the Spanish fleet and the capture of the great gallias, and one great ship sunk; God be praised therefor. Has 4,000 in camp, as gallant and willing men as ever were seen. Recommends they should not be disbanded suddenly even if the Spanish fleet be defeated. His labours in forming and fortifying the camp. Is much dissatisfied with the conduct of Sir John Norreys and Sir Roger Williams, who had gone to Dover and had not yet returned. Is extremely ill supplied with officers to regulate the army: the co-operation of Lord Rich would greatly further the service. Has received a letter from

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Norreys, but still condemns and strongly remonstrates against his doings, and feels aggrieved if the Council have ordered him on a different service.

July 25. Gedney. 28. Commissioners of Sewers in Lincolnshire to Lord Burghley. That their plans for the improvement of the country had always been overruled by strangers and foreigners. They have repealed the late laws and all other laws relating to the fens, repugnant to the new device. Several gentlemen of the commission having died, some new appointments are requisite.

July 25. Basing. 29. William Marquis of Winchester to the Council. Desires that in consideration of the number of men assigned out of Dorsetshire for the defence of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, the forces of Berkshire, Somerset, and Devonshire may be appointed to join with them for the defence of the coast.

July 25. The Revenge, Dover Road. 30. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. Is happy to hear of the beginning of victory, but grieved that he cannot be an actor in it. If Parma intends anything he will now show his courage. Has been carefully cared for by Sir John Norreys for munition, men, and powder. Many gentlemen have come to them to venture their lives in the Queen's service. Their names are Sir Charles Blunt, Francis Carew, Richard Lee, and Brute Brown.

July 25? 31, 32. Account of the number of lances and light horse appointed to repair to the Lord Steward to be at Brentwood by the 27th of July, and of the number of footmen out of various shires to be at Stratford-the-Bow, by the 29th. [*Two copies.*]

July 25. 33. Note of the money received on the 25th of July by Sir Moile Finche for defraying the charges of the wars.

July 25. 34. Memorial in Lord Burghley's hand of order to be taken for the Navy, for the setting forth of eight ships to be sent to Lord Seymour.

July 26. 35. Note of the 8 ships appointed to be sent from London to Lord Henry Seymour in the Narrow Seas under the conduct of Nicholas Gorge. Estimate of their victuals for one month.

July 26. Basing. 36. Marquis of Winchester to the Council. Cannot send 1,000 men out of Dorset into Essex, as the enemy was so near them at sea and in fight. Advertisement of great preparations of the French, to put to sea to assist the Spaniards. 400 men have been sent to the Lord Admiral.

July 26. 37. Note of the numbers of footmen armed remaining in the counties from whence any forces have been drawn for the army to make head against the enemy, and for defence of the Queen's person.

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July 26. Gravesend. 38. Leicester to Walsyngham. The 4,000 men of Essex are all assembled at West Tilbury, and were as forward and willing men as ever he saw. Great want of victuals; not a barrel of beer nor a loaf of bread after 20 miles march. Has sent for 100 tuns of beer and ordered the 1,000 men from London to halt except they had provisions with them. Though it has pleased God to begin graciously it will not do to be too secure. Great dilatory wants are found upon all sudden hurly-burlies. Difficulty of getting men together from long distances unprovided with victuals. Urges a strong force to be about the Queen. If the Navy had not been strong at sea what peril England would now have been in. Wishes Sir Moyle Finch to be their Treasurer.

July 26. 39. Same to same. Sir Roger Williams had arrived since his last letter and Norreys was expected to return that night. It was reported by Williams that Lord H. Seymour had gone to Rye to assist the Lord Admiral, but both fleets were in want of men and powder. Has heard that many of their men have run away; they must be severely punished. Urges him to assemble all the forces possible, and not to play away the kingdom by delays.

July 26. Portsmouth. 40. Earl of Sussex to same. Sends a letter from Sir Geo. Carey. Has supplied the Lord Admiral with all the powder and shot he could spare. That the ships were well manned but were in want of powder and shot on account of the three engagements with the enemy. *Incloses,*

40. I. *Sir Geo. Carey to Sussex. Has sent the Lord Admiral four ships and a pinnace, who now has as many men as he desired or could use. This morning began a great fight between both fleets. The fleets were out of sight by three in the afternoon. They had therefore broken up their camp. Carisbrook Castle,* 25 *July,* 1588.

40. II.-IV. *Account of the munition sent to the Lord Admiral out of the charge of the Earl of Sussex.* [*Three papers.*]

July 26. Tower Hill. 41. Robert Salman, master of the Trinity House, to Lord Burghley. Informs him there were 30 sail of merchant ships, which might be fitted within four days, to join the Lord Admiral.

July 26. Torre Bay. 42. Sir John Gilberte and George Cary, Deputy Lieutenants of Devon, to Walsyngham. One of the Spanish ships had been brought in by the Roebuck and intrusted to their keeping. They had taken all the shot and powder out of her and sent it to the Lord Admiral, and one piece of ordnance they had put into another ship, and sent her to join the fleet.

July 27. Theobalds. 43. Same to the Council. They have taken the Spanish prisoners, almost 400 soldiers, out of the Spanish ship at Torbay, and brought them ashore: and now request to know what to do with them,—

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the charge of keeping them is great and the peril greater. Mr. Carew Rawley desires to have six pieces of ordnance out of the Spanish ship for the castle at Portland.

July 27. *44. Substance of the preceding letter.

July 27. Dover. 45. Sir Thomas Scott to Lord Burghley. The Spanish fleet having been seen off Boulogne, they had drawn all the forces within two miles of the shore, to make a show upon the Downs in sight of the enemy. Is glad his plan for the quartering of the forces for East Kent was approved of. Sir J. Norreys had caused all the forces to encamp near Dover. Defence of the isles of Sheppy and Thanet.

July 27. Gravesend. 46. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. A most just God that beholdeth the innocency of heart and the cause she is assailed for, will assist and bless her with victory. According to her request he offers his opinion and advice. First, at once to gather her army about her in the strongest manner possible, some special nobleman to be placed at the head of it, and to be officered with the oldest and best assured captains. Second, for her own person —the most dainty and sacred thing we have in this world to care for—he cannot consent that she should go to the confines of her realm to meet her enemy, but advises her to go to her house at Havering, with the army round about her there, and to spend two or three days at the camp, and there to rest in her poor lieutenant's cabin; and thus far but no further can he consent to adventure her person. Lastly, for himself, for her gracious favor to him he can only yield the like sacrifice he owes to God, which is a thankful heart, and to offer his body, life, and all to do her service.

July 27. Richmond. 47. The Council to George Trenchard and Francis Hawley. Warrant to make an inventory of the powder, munition, and other stores in the Spanish ship brought into Portland, and to send the powder to Dover immediately.

July 27. 48. Note of ten lasts of powder brought by the merchant ships from Stade.

July 27. Off Folkestone. 49. Sir Wm. Wynter to Walsyngham. Has conferred with Mr. Borrowghs, who is ready to obey his honor's command, and will most faithfully perform it. Is confirmed in his opinion that the Spanish fleet was intended to surprise Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight: but the course pursued by the Lord Admiral in preventing their design doubles his service towards him. The huge ships of the Spanish fleet will have but a bad place to rest in if they come eastward of Portsmouth. The defence of the Thames must now be looked to. Advises the placing of shipping at the Nore, which would defend both Sheppey and the Thames. Danger of riding off Dunkirk.

July 27. In the Downs. 50. Lord H Seymour to the Council. Has received the Queen's commands to lie before Dunkirk, to prevent the passage of the

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forces of the Duke of Parma; which he would do as far as wind and weather would permit. The weakness of his fleet, being not above twenty available ships, and victualled only to the end of the month. The merchant ships cannot bear the stress of weather as the Queen's ships do.

July 27. 51. List of the ships under the command of Lord Henry Seymour to be victualled to the 9th of September.

July 27. 52. Certificate of horse and armour furnished by the clergy in the diocese of London, to be in readiness within the several limits assigned.

July 28. The Court. 53. The Council to Lord H. Seymour. Revoking the former direction for him to lie off Dunkirk, and desiring him to join with the Lord Admiral to distress the Spanish fleet, to prevent its junction with the forces of the Duke of Parma. The Queen nothing doubteth with the assistance of Almighty God that He will bless them with a happy and glorious victory.

July 28. 54. Mons. De Mony to Walsyngham. Offers his services to assist Her Majesty in this action. French.

July 28. 55. Leicester to same. Approves of Her Majesty's choice of the Lord Chamberlain to command her own army; but requests that the commission may be so worded as not to interfere with his own authority. Employment of the Earl of Oxford. Has heard that the Spanish fleet is off Boulogne and in sight. Out of the new supply of 5,000 men he intends to send 500 of the Essex men to Harwich. Thinks the Londoners will be of little service; he knows what burghers are well enough. The advantages of employing experienced captains: sends a list of captains, worthy fellows and able to take charge. Laughable conduct of Sir John Smith, whose health was so dear to him he must go to the Baths.

July 28. Sheffield. 56. Sir Henry Lee to same. The fight and chase on the sea still continue. The Duke of Parma holds his determination for London. Feels himself to be as a cipher, and desires to be set to work and be no more a looker on. Hopes to be employed by land or by sea: his body never better in younger years, nor his mind ever warmer to prove himself as becometh him.

July 28. On the Thames. 57. Capt. Wm. Borough to same. Has been ordered by the Lord Henry to go with his galley to guard the mouth of Thames. The two fleets were between Folkstone and Boulogne, and Lord Henry with all his fleet plied to windward, and before night was probably in sight of the fleets. The English fleet is at anchor off Skale Cliff, and the Spaniards at anchor between them and Calais. A fleet will be sent from Flushing of 30 or 40 good ships to assist Lord Henry. Defence of the Thames. *Incloses,*

57. I. *A chart of the entrance of the rivers Thames and Medway, with the sands and channels from Tilbury Fort to Dover on the Kent side, and to Harwich on the Essex coast.*

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July 28. Pembrokeshire. 58. Earl of Pembroke to the Queen. Offers to attend Her Majesty with 300 horse and 500 foot, of his own followers, armed at his own costs, and ready to hazard the blood of their hearts in defence of her person. Prays she may long enjoy her blessed estate, maugré the beards of all confederated leaguers.

July 29. Greenway. 59. Sir John Gilberte to the Council. All the powder and shot taken in the Spanish ship had been sent to the Lord-Admiral, before their order had arrived for sending it to the Earl of Sussex. *Incloses,*

59. I. *Requisitions by Richard Pitt, Mayor of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, and by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, for sending of the powder and shot, taken in the Spanish ships, to the Lord Admiral.*

July 29. 60. Certificate of the names of the captains and the number of men, who repaired for the defence of Portsmouth upon the firing of the beacons, viewed by the Earl of Sussex July the 29th.

July 29. 61. Note of powder received from the Tower of London by the Earl of Sussex at Portsmouth, and by him delivered to various persons to be conveyed to the fleet, and all which were delivered to Sir Wm. Wynter aboard the Vanguard.

July 29. 62. Note of powder, armour, and shot entered at the Custom House, from the 26th to the 28th of July.

July 29. 63. Particular of the number of men and store of ordnance and munition in the ten ships to be furnished and set out by the Merchant Adventurers, for Her Majesty's service, victualled for 20 days, from the last of July.

July 29. Aboard the Arke. 64. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Desires him to send as much powder and shot as he could with all speed. Requests a a new supply of provisions. They have this morning driven a gallias on shore near Calais, but some of their men were slain in boarding her. The Spanish fleet has been chased in fight till evening and are much distressed. Will not write to the Queen till more be done. Their force is wonderful great and strong, but yet we pluck their feathers by little and little. Postscript (on a separate slip): The gallias has been taken, but Monsieur Gourden, the Governor of Calais, detains her.

July 29. 65. Sir Fr. Drake to same. The bearer came aboard his ship in a wonderful good time and brought good knowledge with him. They have driven the enemy so far to leeward, that he hopes the Duke of Parma and Duke of Sidonia shall not shake hands for a few days. When they do meet, neither will rejoice at this day's service. God bless Her Majesty our gracious Sovereign. Wants munition and provisions.

July 30. Dover. 66. Robert Cecill to Lord Burghley. Sends him intelligence learned from a Spanish gentleman taken in one of the galliases.

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1588. The captain of her, named Moncada, was killed. The Spaniards blame the Duke of Parma. The Spanish fleet was to have remained at Calais and would not have stirred hence, had they not been driven away on Sunday, by the device of fireworks, to slip their anchors and so go out to sea. The Lord Admiral gave them fight, but terrible as it was, there were few men hurt. The Spaniards expect aid from Scotland, and wish to draw the English fleet away northwards, so as to enable the Duke of Parma to land his forces. The powder was sent to the fleet in the Roebuck, a fine ship built by Sir W. Ralegh.

July 30. Isle of Walcheren. 67. Richard Tomson to Walsyngham. 'Particulars of four encounters with the Spaniards from their first appearance off the Cornish coast. They then had 136 sails, whereof 90 were very great ships; the English navy not above 67 sail. On Saturday the 27th, the Spaniards suddenly came to anchor off Calais, to let the English pass to the leeward of them; but the English anchored to windward of them. On Sunday, at midnight, the Admiral having the wind, sent certain ships on fire amongst the enemy, who in great confusion slipped their cables, ran foul of each other and ran out to sea, pursued by the English. Out of 124 that anchored off Calais, only 86 can be found. Capture of the Spanish gallias ashore at Calais, but protected by Monsr. Gourdan, who fired on the English. His demands. Pursuit of the fleet on the coast of Flanders.

July 30. 68. Statement of the forces under the command of the Lord Chamberlain (Lord Hunsdon) for defence of Her Majesty's person.

July 31. 69. A memorial for Richard Drake, Esq., being sent to the Lord Admiral, of such things as Her Majesty wishes to be informed of: principally as to supply of the Navy with munitions; the losses sustained in the late engagement; detention and examination of the Spanish prisoners, and his future plan of operations.

July 31. The Susan. 70. Nicholas Gorges to Walsyngham. By reason of a calm he had not been able to join Lord H. Seymour with the eight ships of London. Has had intelligence that on Sunday both fleets were engaged, and so continued till out of sight.

July 31. On board the Victory. 71. Sir John Hawkyns to same. Describes the various engagements with the Spanish fleet. A sharp and long fight off Portland. The battles on Sunday and Monday. The Spaniards had taken their course towards Scotland, followed by the Lord Admiral. Although much distressed they are still of great force. This is the greatest and strongest combination that was ever gathered in Christendom, and must be mightily and diligently looked into. The English mariners have been long unpaid and need relief.

July 31. Dover Castle. 72. Richard Barrey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to same. Sir Henry Palmer had taken the boats from Dover laden with bavins and pitch for firing the Spanish fleet; Sir Henry himself embarked in

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one of them. The Spaniards had been driven from the Calais Roads by fire ships before the arrival of their boats, which had therefore returned. The Cinque Ports were greatly to be commended for the speed with which they had furnished 30 boats at one day's notice. Desires money to pay their expenses and outlay.

July 31. 73. Drake to Walsyngham. Has sent certain prisoners on shore. Don Pedro, one of them, was a man of great estimation with the King of Spain, next to the Duke of Sidonia. Requests they may be presented to Her Majesty. The army of Spain is now before them, and they mind with the grace of God to wrestle a pull with it. Nothing ever pleased him better than seeing the enemy flying with a southerly wind to the northwards. Hopes ere it be long to handle the matter that the Duke of Sidonia shall wish himself at St. Mary Port among his orange trees.

July 31. 74. Dr. R. Gifford to Tho. Wylkes. Finds my Lord Steward marvellously changed, and refuses to receive any letter from Mr. Wylkes.

July 31. 75, 76. Names of the captains appointed to attend upon the Lord Steward in Essex and Kent. Two lists, one containing 31 names, the other 32.

July 31. Lewes. 77. Tho. Lord Buckhurst to Walsyngham. Will send up the 100 light horse, and 20 of the best horses selected for lances, although there was not time to furnish them with armour. Requests that Sir Tho. Palmer and Walter Covert might not be called away from the shire, being his Deputy Lieutenants. He still detains Mr. Edward Chute as a suspected man, and desires to know what to do with him.

July 31. 78. Report of such complete armour as Mr. John Lee received into his charge within the Tower of London. Mr. Alderman Billingsley to receive the money.

July. 79. Note of the proportion of armour thought meet to be reserved and to be kept within the Tower of London, for the better defence and safety of the Queen's Majesty's most royal person.

July. 80. The names of the noblemen and gentlemen who accompanied the Spanish Armada.

July. 81. Thomas Conyngesby to Burghley. Has respectfully observed the order set down in the controversies between him and Mr. Wigmore. But at the late assizes Mr. Wigmore's people assaulted him and his servants, and in the conflict one of Wigmore's men was slain. If he were to set down all the abuses offered him, quires of paper would not contain them. At Lent assizes one Ric. Crofte called him an Italianate knave, which bred a great broil.

July. 82. Note of the number of petronels certified out of several shires.

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July. 83. Particular of the furniture of horse and armour to be provided by the clergy in the diocese of Canterbury; specifying the names of all the clergy and their livings, and the numbers contributed by each.

July. 84. Note of the numbers of men appointed to repair to the sundry ports, being landing places for the enemy; stating the names of the ports, and the numbers appointed for defence of each drawn from the adjacent counties. The numbers are very large; for defence of Falmouth 11,000 men, for Plymouth 17,000, for Portsmouth 16,000, for Harwich 17,000, &c. The Lords of the Council and other Lords and principal gentlemen did present of their own charge 1,448 footmen and 1,610 horsemen, and the clergy 3,885 footmen and 559 horse.

July. 85. Memorial of things to be put in execution by Her Majesty's Lieutenant-General for the ordering of the army: to establish a Council of War, appointment of captains, &c.

July. 86, 87. The number of men appointed to be drawn together out of various shires for an army for defence of Her Majesty's person, with the names of the colonels appointed to lead them; viz., Sir Wm. Hatton, Sir Wm. Knolles, Sir Francis Knollys, Sir John Smith, Sir Tho. Cecil, Sir Edmund Cary, Sir John Peyton, Sir Henry Goodyer, and Sir Edw. Winkefeld. [*Two copies.*]

July. 88. Lord Howard to Sir F. Walsyngham. Most of the ships would shortly be without provisions, but Mr. Darell would be able to victual some of them within thirty days at the farthest. Prays him to send to the Committee of London for money for relief of their soldiers and mariners, who had done their duties very well. It is a wonderful thing to victual such an army. [*Apparently a postscript.*]

July. 89. Petition of John Fisher, John Nashe, and Ric. Tomson, the captain, master, and lieutenant of the Margaret and John of London, stating their services in the taking of the Spanish ship with Don Pedro de Valdes on board, which was finally surrendered to Sir Francis Drake, and claim to be allowed their proportion of reward for her capture.

July. 90. Estimate of the entertainment and charges of the two armies in Kent and Essex, amounting to 783*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* per diem.

July. 91. List of Her Majesty's ships, with their complement of men and names of the captains serving at the seas against the Spanish Armada.

July. 92. List of merchant ships serving off the West coast under the charge of Sir Fr. Drake, with the names of their captains.

July? 93. Comparative statement of the appointed number of men on board Her Majesty's ships and the merchant ships; probably the fleet under Sir Fr. Drake, with the numbers actually employed.

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July. 94. Note of arms required for furnishing 60 horse and 200 foot.

July. 95. Number of pioneers and proportion of ordnance and munition for the Army for the defence of Her Majesty's person.

July. 96. The number of pioneers in the Maritime counties.

July. 97. Number of horsemen to be furnished by certain shires for the defence of Her Majesty's person.

July. 98. Note of soldiers to be sent from certain shires for the defence of the West and South seacoasts.

July. 99. Note of horsemen for defence of the West and South seacoast.

July. 100. Note of the principal officers required for forming a camp; strength of the Army for the defence of the South seacoasts, to oppose the landing of the enemy.

July ? 101. Estimate of the charge for the time of encamping the trained bands of 2,000 foot and 200 horse of the county of Kent.

July ? 102. Acknowledgment by Andro Scot of the receipt of the sum of 10 French crowns from Thomas Phelippes for the use of Gilbert Gifford.

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Aug. 1. 1. Earl of Leicester to Sir F. Walsyngham. The Earl of Oxford has declined to have command of the troops at Harwich, although a place of great trust and great danger. A number of burgonets have arrived from the Tower, but not a man will buy one, being ashamed to wear it; the armoury must be better looked to. The colonelcy of the Berkshire company had long been promised to Sir Henry Norreys. Great want of powder and munition, which is known abroad. The 1,000 Berkshire men had arrived. Is glad to be rid of the Earl of Oxford.

Aug. 1. Aboard the Rainbow. 2. Lord Henry Seymour to the Queen. Gives an account of his joining the Lord Admiral with all his forces, and their engagement with the Spanish fleet; their resolution to perform some exploit by fire. One of the great Spanish ships had been boarded and taken, but the captors were fired on by the Governor of Calais, and forced to abandon her. The long fight on the 29th and flight of the Spanish fleet. Has returned by orders of the Lord Admiral to guard the English coasts, to withstand any attempt of the Duke of Parma. Signs himself "Her Majesty's most bounden and faithful "*fisherman*, H. SEYMOUR." Sir Wm. Wynter and Sir H. Palmer have faithfully performed their duties.

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Aug. 1. The Rainbow, Harwich. 3. Lord Henry Seymour to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has written to Her Majesty. Had joined his forces with the Lord Admiral's; had done his uttermost, to the venture of his life, to distress the Spaniards, which was thoroughly performed on the 29th of July. The Lord Admiral has commanded him to remain and guard the English coasts, which have long been threatened by the Duke of Parma. Has received intelligence from Sir Wm. Russell that Justinian de Nassau has come forth himself with 30 sail.

Aug. 1. The Rainbow, Harwich. 4. Same to same. Desires to know if Mr. Nicholas Gorges and the seven merchant ships from London should be employed in the Narrow Seas or be sent to the Lord Admiral. Mr. Gorges is frequented with his old infirmity of bleeding.

Aug. 1. 5, 6. Note of the ships on the seas with Lord Henry Seymour. [*Two copies.*]

Aug. 1. The Vanguard, Harwich. 7. Sir Wm. Wynter to Walsyngham. Giving an account of the junction of Lord Henry Seymour and himself with the Lord Admiral, being very short of victuals. The vast size and number of the Spanish ships made it impossible to attack them by any other means than fire ships, and so to drive them from their anchors, which he suggested to the Lord Admiral. Success of that scheme. Chase of the enemy, their fleet, in the shape of a half-moon, being off Gravelines. Another engagement with them, and great was the spoil and harm done unto them. Wynter hurt. Lord Seymour to protect the English coasts; their return to Harwich. The Spanish fleet gone northwards, pursued by the Lord Admiral.

Aug. 1. 8. Memoranda by Lord Burghley of the prices of armour in the Tower.

[Aug. [1?] 9. [Anonymous] to Walsyngham. Suggestions how most effectually to resist the forces of the King of Spain on land. By the prompt and skilful training of our troops, and by the re-introduction of the bow, the crossbow, and the steel bow, as weapons terrible and unused by the enemy. The bow, our natural weapon, good at home but naught abroad; the crossbow flieth far and striketh forcibly, but above all the steel bow, which flieth 20 score [400] yards, and can be discharged twice as fast as the crossbow. The most powerful weapon of all against this enemy is the fear of God.

Aug. 1. Paris. 10 Gilbert Gifford to his father, John Gifford. Acknowledges the receipt of 100 crowns from his uncle, Hugh Offiey, by the hands of Bartholomew Martin.

Aug. 2. Weymouth and Melcomb Regis. 11. Richard Pitt, Mayor, and the Burgesses of Weymouth to the Council. Request that a portion of the ordnance taken in the Spanish carack may be assigned for the defence of their town and the adjoining coast. Advise care to be taken of the perishable goods in that ship.

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Aug. 2. Cambridge. 12. Lord North to the Council. Has sent up 42 light horses, well furnished, the best the country could produce, under the charge of Mr. Anthony Cage. Names of those who have not furnished their proportion of light horse.

Aug. 2. Blandford. 13. The Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset to same. Send up the 1,000 men appointed to be furnished by that shire, under the command of Andrew Rogers; with only one captain altered, Capt. Nich. Strange taking the place of Capt. Robert Strowde.

Aug. 2. Hinchingbrook. 14. John Lord St. John to same. Has sent up all the bands of horsemen within his lieutenancy, under the command of Sir Henry Cromwell. Delay of the answer of Sir Henry Darcie. Sir Rich. Dyer had neglected to furnish the horses with which he was charged. The band of footmen and all in readiness and wait for orders. *Incloses,*

14. I. *Certificate of all the number of horses wherewith the gentlemen and others of the county of Huntingdon are particularly charged, under the conduct of Sir Henry Cromwell.*

14. II. *Certificate of all the able men trained and untrained, besides* 150 *footmen furnished and trained by Sir Edw. Wingfield upon his own charges.*

14. III. *Names of the Queen's Majesty's ordinary men furnishing one demi-lance and nine light horse.*

14. IV. *A perfect muster-roll of all such soldiers as were mustered, trained, and delivered before Lord St. John, Lord Lieutenant of Huntingdon, Geo. Wanton, Esq., their captain, and Capt. Oliver, the muster master.*

14. V. *Muster-roll of all such soldiers as were mustered, &c. before Lord St. John, Oliver Cromwell, Esq., their captain, and Capt. Oliver, muster master, with all such furniture as belongeth to the said soldiers.*

Aug. 2. Cirencester. 15. Lord Chandos to the same. According to their letters he has sent up 20 lances, 100 light horse, and 1,500 foot, appointed to be furnished by the county of Gloucester, under the charge of Sir John Tracy. Requests authority to appoint deputy lieutenants. Has received a requisition from the Lord President of Wales for 1,000 men for defence of Milford Haven. *Incloses,*

15. I. *Certificate of the forces now sent up under the command of Sir John Tracy, with the names of the captains and number of men in each band.*

Aug. 2. 16. Articles or Interrogatories appointed by the Council for the examination of the Spanish prisoners.

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1588. Aug. 2. 17. Examinations upon the above articles of the Spanish prisoners in Bridewell, which were taken in the ship called Nostra Senora de Rosaria of Ribadeo, in the parts of Galicia, of the burden of 1,150 tons, Vincent Alvarez, captain of the said ship. The general design of the armada to join the Duke of Parma in Flanders, and the invasion of England to be effected by him, to sack such cities and places as they should take and to put to the sword all who resisted. The Catholic party in England to assist the invaders.

Aug. 2. 18. Examination of Jovanni Gaietan, a Spanish prisoner, upon the above interrogatories. Spanish.

Aug. 2? 19. Confession of Gregorio De Shoto Mayor, a Portugese. Particulars of the fitting out and departure of the Spanish Armada; the design, quantity of treasure, &c.

Aug. [2.] 20. Articles, in Lord Burghley's hand, for the examination of some Spanish prisoners, probably Don Pedro de Valdez.

Aug. 4? 21. Articles to be ministered to Don Pedro de Valdez and his associates; as to the design and purpose of the King of Spain in sending so great an army to sea. The investiture of the Crown of England conferred by the Pope on King Philip. Projected marriage with Scotland, &c.

Aug. 4. 22. Examination of Don Pedro de Valdez, on the above interrogatories and others. Ultimate design and intention of the Spanish armada, the conquest of England in conjunction with the forces under the Prince of Parma. Spanish.

Aug. 4. Tilbury Camp. 23. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. Arrival of the Earl of Derby and the other Commissioners at Dover, who brought word that two of the greatest caracks the King of Spain, had were taken by the ships of Flushing and Zealand. [*Much interesting information relative to the Spanish Armada will be found in the "Holland Correspondence" of this period. In a letter from Henry Kyllygrew, the Queen's Councillor of State at the Hague, dated on the 3rd of August, he transmits the report of certain mariners, relative to the losses sustained by the Spaniards. One of the above caracks was driven on shore between Blankenberg and Ostend, and taken by them of Flushing, "wherein were* 800 *"Spaniards, of whom* 150 *are come to Rotterdam, the rest cast "overboard."*]

Aug. 4. On board the gally in the Thames, between Sheppey and Essex. 24. Capt. William Borough to Walsyngham. Has received his two letters informing him that Capt. Bellingham had charge of ten merchant ships to join the Hollanders and Zealanders, to keep in the forces of the Duke of Parma; and that he himself had been appointed to give warning to the army at Tilbury. Will sail up the Thames to Gravesend and give warning on the approach of the enemy's fleet.

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Aug. 4. Warwick. 25. Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire to the Earl of Warwick. They have sent up the 100 horsemen levied in that shire. Hope he will approve of the horses, and they request Mr. Turvile, the muster master, may return to them. *Inclosing,*

25. I. *Certificate of the names of the gentlemen who furnished the* 100 *horsemen sent by them to the camp.*

Aug. 4. The Rainbow, Margate Road. 26. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Desires Mr. Nicholas Gorges may be re-called on account of ill health, and Mr. Tho. Knevet be appointed in his room. Has informed Justinianus de Nassau of their late conflicts and promised to assist him with the next favorable wind. Prays God may continue these violent and stormy winds to the further distressing of the Spaniards.

Aug. 4. The Nonparelia. 27. Thomas Fenner to same. The encounter on the 29th July; the Almighty hath stricken the enemy with a wonderful fear. The want of powder, shot, and victuals has hindered much service. The Spanish fleet had been followed beyond the 55th degree of latitude, two hundred and thirty leagues from the coast. Return of the English ships to the Frith in Scotland to relieve their wants of water and provisions. Two pinnaces have followed the Spanish fleet beyond the Orkneys. Intense distress of the Spanish fleet. God hath mightily protected Her Majesty's forces, not above 60 men have been lost in all the encounters. Have returned with a north-west wind to the North Foreland. Since writing his letter the wind has changed to south-west, and so great a storm so that the Spanish fleet cannot seize either England, Ireland, Scotland, Flanders, nor the Out Isles of Scotland. Many will never see Spain again.

Aug. 4. 28. Note of munition, powder and ordnance sent out from Portsmouth by the Earl of Sussex, for the better furnishing of Her Majesty's Navy, and to be distributed by the Lord High Admiral.

Aug. 4. 29. Note of powder appointed to be had out of the merchants' ships returned from Stade, taken to the Tower by Sir Robert Constable, Lieutenant of the Ordnance.

Aug. 4. 30. List of counties which were required to stay and return the forces levied in them, and of the numbers to be continued in certain shires.

Aug. 5. Blandford. 31. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset to the Council. Through the persuasion of Sir John Norreys they have changed their light horses into lances, and have sent them up under the charge of Ralph Horsey and Tho. Hussey, with the association of Capt. Strange.

Aug. 5. Northampton. 32. Note of the sums of money collected in the East Division of the county of Northampton, for coat and conduct money, and other necessaries for Her Majesty's last service.

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Aug. 5. 33. Note of the sums of money raised in the West Division of the county of Northampton for coat and conduct money and other necessaries.

[Aug.] 5. 34. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. Has received in secret the news that pleaseth him most, next the well doing of her sacred person, that she intended to behold the poor company now in the field, ready to die for her. Urges her to do so. Good sweet Queen! alter not your purpose if God give you good health. The lodging prepared for her is a proper sweet cleanly house, the camp within a little mile of it, and her person as sure as at St. James's. [*This is plainly dated 5th July, but there can be little doubt of its being a a mistake for August. Leicester did not receive his commission till the 24th of July, and on the 27th (see ante), he invited the Queen to visit the camp, which she did on the 8th of August, in conformity with the expression of her intention, as appears in this letter.*]

Aug. 5. Paris. 35. Gilbert Gifford to Walsyngham(?). Intelligence of secret movements in the court of France. Report that Drake had been defeated at sea. All the hopes of King Philip is on the success of his fleet by sea. Thinks England will find Scotland, old Scotland still, and traitorous in the greatest need. Would have been released if Gratley had not been taken, who is in the Inquisition at Padua, for the book against Parsons. [*In Tho. Phelippes' hand, probably a decypher.*]

Aug. 5. 36. Same to same. Another decypher of the same intelligence, differently arranged, in Phelippes' hand.

Aug. 6. Coumbe. 37. Sir John Haryngton to Walsyngham. Solicits the preferment of one Mr. Beall to the vicarage of Nuneaton. Commends his acquirements in preaching and reading.

Aug. 6. [Dover.] 38. Tho. Bredghatt, Mayor, and Richard Barrey to Walsyngham. Letter of intelligence dispatched in great haste. [*Mutilated.*]

Aug. 6. The Rainbow, in the Downs. 39. Lord H. Seymour, Sir W. Wynter, and Sir Henry Palmer to the Council. Have been troubled with a great storm at W.S.W. At a council they have come to a resolution that it was hopeless to sail northwards to join the Lord Admiral, as the Spanish fleet by the great storms must have been driven too far north to return. They have probably made the coast of Norway. The rough weather has kept in all the ships on the coast of Flanders. They hope with the assistance of Hollanders and Flushingers to put the Duke of Parma and his consorts beside all his Italian devices. *Inclosing,*

39. I. *A list of the names of the ships serving in the Narrow Seas under Lord Seymour, including the coast ships, the ships from London under Nicholas Gorges, and the ten merchant ships under Mr. Henry Bellingham.*

Aug. 7. Dover. 40. Lord H. Seymour to Sir F. Walsyngham. The Commissioners are at Dover. The Earl of Derby reports that the Duke of

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Parma has withdrawn his sea forces to Bruges and Dixmude, and that Breda had revolted. God has shown his mighty hand for protecting the Little Island for his glory. Her Majesty might take upon herself the absolute government of Holland and Zealand if she pleased.

Aug. 7. Broad Street. 41. Richard Peter to William Waad, Clerk of the Council. Estimate of the provisions sent to the fleet, besides what is sent by Mr. Quarles out of Kent.

Aug. 7. On board the Arke. 42. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. In the last fight with the enemy before Gravelines they sunk three of their ships and ran four on shore. The Armada had been followed till they were past the Out Isles of Scotland, and so had probably gone north about to Ireland or some port of Denmark. Advises Her Majesty should not too soon dissolve her forces by sea and land. Longs to do some exploit against the shipping at Dunkirk. *Incloses,*

42. I. *Declaration or journal of the proceeding of the two fleets of England and Spain from the 19th to the 31st of July. On the 19th, part of the Spanish navy of 50 sail was discovered off the Isles of Scilly. Their whole force afterwards found to be 120 sails. The encounters in the channel, the destruction and confusion caused by the fire ships, and final pursuit of the Spanish fleet to the isles of Scotland.*

Aug. 8. Margate. 43. Capt. Henry Whyte to same. Has had long sickness and indisposition. His share in the encounters. His ship was one of the fire ships, so that now he is like one who has had his house burnt. The Spanish fleet lost upwards of 120 anchors and cables when driven from their anchorage by the fire ships. The pursuit northward, in which the enemy lost about 20 sail. Our parsimony at home hath bereaved us of the famousest victory that ever our nation had at sea. Desires Walsyngham's favor, as Her Majesty's service had almost beggared him.

Aug. 8. 44. Sir Tho. Morgan to the Earl of Leicester. Has arrived at Margate from Holland with 800 shot, musketeers, and small shot. The Prince of Parma has in readiness 30,000 or 40,000 men, and intends with the next spring tide to put out his forces for England, hoping to meet with the King's fleet.

Aug. 8. Harwich. 45. Sir John Hawkyns to the Lord Admiral. List of ships with which he had arrived at Harwich, and they intend with the next fair wind to follow his lordship into the Downs and to bring the provisions with them. State of some of the ships.

Aug. 8. Harwich. 46 Same to Walsingham. Sends him copy of the above letter.

Aug. 8. The Revenge. 47. Sir Francis Drake to the Queen. Takes the opportunity of writing in the absence of the Lord Admiral. On Friday last they left the Spanish fleet so far to the northwards that they could

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neither recover England nor Scotland, but would probably sail for Denmark. Their fleet must have suffered greatly from the late storms. Advises Her Majesty not yet to diminish any of her forces. God hath and will hear her prayers, she putting her hand to the plough for defence of His truth.

Aug. 8. 48. Sir Francis Drake to Walsyngham. Commends the bearer. Some may advise the Queen not to continue her forces. He dare not advise her to hazard a kingdom for the saving of a little charge. The Duke of Parma sends daily to the Duke of Savoy.

Aug. 8. 49. Same to same. Has received his letters of the last of July. Congratulates him on the defeat of the Spanish fleet. Let all with one accord give thanks to God the only giver of victory, who hath sent this proud enemy of His truth by storm and tempest where he has tasted of His power. They are too much disabled ever to return.

Aug. 8. Margate Road. 50. The Lord Admiral to same. Wrote yesterday to several, being off Harwich. Their fleet had separated in a storm, but he had arrived safe in Margate Road with half the ships, and hopes soon to hear of the rest. Are in want of provisions. Recommends the fleet should not be discharged at once, as the Spaniards might return after refitting somewhere. They dare not return with this dishonour and shame to their King and overthrow of their Pope's credit. "Sure bind sure find," a kingdom is a grand wager, and security is dangerous. All the world never saw such a force as theirs was. The least of their four fights far exceeded the fight the Spaniards had at Lepanto.

Aug. 9. Sheffield Lodge. 51. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Queen. Inquires after her health. The counties under his lieutenancy are in readiness, the gentlemen well affected and devoted to her service. In Derbyshire, where John Fitzherbert and other seminary priests had lately been apprehended, he had induced many of the people to come to church. Offers his service to resist the invasion; though he be old, yet her quarrel shall make him young again; though lame in body, yet lusty in heart to lend her greatest enemy one blow, and to live and die in her service.

Aug. 9. Camp at Norborne. 52. Sir Tho. Scott to the Earl of Leicester. Intelligence from Sir F. Drake that the Spanish forces intended to land at Dengeness, near Lydd. Desires to know if he should draw part of his forces to that place. 700 musketeers from the Low Countries have landed at Margate; proposes their joining his camp.

Aug. 9. Sawmonds, near the Court. 53. Sir Tho. Heneage to Walsyngham. News brought by the Earl of Cumberland. The Lord Admiral would be off the North Foreland, having left the pursuit of the Spanish fleet for want of powder and victuals; and driven to such extremity that the Lord-Admiral had been obliged to eat beans, and many of the men to drink their own water. Provisions must be sent to them.

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Aug. 9. 54. Lord Burghley to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, at Tilbury or Gravesend. Perceives by the Lord Admiral's letters from Sandwich, the cause of his return from pursuit of the Spanish fleet. He will have 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.* in readiness, but would not send it to the fleet till he knows Her Majesty's pleasure. 15 sail of victuallers are at Harwich. Recommends the Lord Admiral should only retain ships of value, as it was probable the Spanish fleet would never return. If they pass about Ireland, four ships well manned should be sent out there to distress them.

Aug. 9. The Strand. 55. Same to Mr. Trenchard and Mr. Hawley. Directs them to deliver to the Mayor of Weymouth certain pieces of ordnance taken in the Spanish carack. All other goods and commodities to be landed from the carack, and put into convenient storehouses.

Aug. 9. 56. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of the provisions and munition delivered to the Lord Admiral and Lord Henry Seymour, since the 24th of July.

Aug. 9. 57, 58. Estimate for victualling the ships under the command of the Lord-Admiral and Lord H. Seymour. [*In duplicate.*]

Aug. 9. 59. Note of the ships under the charge of the Lord Admiral to be victualled for seven days, beginning the 9th Sept., and to end the 15th of the same month.

Aug. 9. 60. Note of the total number of ships under the command of the Lord Admiral and Lord H. Seymour; viz., 119 sail manned by 11,120 seamen.

Aug. 9. Canterbury. 61. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Does not think that the Duke of Parma is in readiness, as has been reported, and that if he is he can do no great matter. Twenty hulks have been seen following the course of the Spanish fleet, supposed with provisions. Thinks the Spaniards cannot go home with such dishonour, for we have marvellously plucked them. Col. Morgan is at Margate with 800 soldiers: victuals must be provided for them. Great preparation of shipping and men at Dieppe and Newhaven. The ships in the Thames or elsewhere must be sent out, for the strength of the fleet must be kept up for a short time. The mariners of the coast towns cry out for money.

Aug. 9. Westminster. 62. Grant by the Queen to Sir Walter Raleigh of one moiety of the benefit of all penalties, forfeitures, &c., for offences committed against the statute of 7 Edw. VI., c. 5. for the sale and retailing of wines, with power to compound with offenders.

Aug. 10. 63, 64. Evidence given by Matthew Sharke, of certain unbecoming words spoken by Sir Martin Frobisher against Sir Fr. Drake, calling him a cowardly knave or traitor, and that he only remained by the great Spanish carack to have all the spoil of her; that Frobisher vowed Drake should eat his own words, or he should make him spend the best blood in his belly. [*Two papers.*]

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Aug. 10. The Revenge. 65. Sir F. Drake to Walsyngham. His opinion of the position and crippled condition of the Spanish fleet. Recommends that Her Majesty should send to the King of Denmark, as it was almost certain the remaining ships of the Armada would put into Denmark or Norway to refit, and it was only there they could obtain effectual aid. Has not heard from the two ships appointed to watch their course. Advises some sufficient person to be sent to Denmark. The Prince of Parma is as a bear robbed of his whelps. The Spaniards hate him. Utters a most pious prayer to Almighty God for his infinite and unspeakable goodness. Intelligence from Dunkirk that there is no fear of Parma's fleet.

Aug. 10. Margate. 66. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Sickness and mortality begins to grow wonderfully among them: it is a most pitiful sight to see the men die in the streets of Margate. The Elizabeth Jonas had lost half her crew. Of all the men brought out by Sir Ric. Townsend he has but one left alive. Proposes that 1,000*l.* worth of new clothing should be sent to the fleet, as the men were in great want.

Aug. 10. 67. Account of payments made out of the receipt of the Exchequer to Mr. Quarles for victualling the Navy, since Easter 1588.

Aug. 11. Guildford. 68. The Mayor, &c., of Guildford to Walsyngham. Request that a certain poor man may be paid for a gelding which was killed by Mr. Wynckfeld riding post from Guildford to Kingston. The gelding fell with Mr. Wyngfeld, who in his fury thrust his dagger into the horse, beat the guide, and threatened to kill the constables on his return.

Aug. 11. Hertford. 69. Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler to the Earl of Leicester. Have dealt with the gentlemen of Hertfordshire suspected of having acted fraudulently and undutifully with Her Majesty in retaining back their best horses, and sending inferior horses to the camp. Many of them are willing to furnish horses for lances, if they may be supplied with armour fit for that service. *Inclosing,*

69. I. *The particular answers of the gentlemen of Hertfordshire to the defects found with their light horses, sent to the camp at Tilbury, and disallowed there.*

Aug. 11. The Revenge. 70. Sir Fr. Drake to Walsyngham. Desires him to deliver this letter to Her Majesty as a testification of the Lord Admiral's most honorable using of him in this action. His lordship will be most able to inform them what is best now to be done.

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Aug. 12. The Rainbow. 1. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Has sent Capt. Musgrave over to Sir John Conway. The Lord Admiral had sent a message to speak with him and Sir Wm. Wynter, which he could not comply

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with as near 30 sail had suddenly appeared in sight. Desires to be called home if the Lord Admiral should take command of the Narrow Seas with Sir Fr. Drake as his vice-admiral.

Aug. 12. The Camp. 2. Sir Roger Williams to Walsyngham. Some fear the Queen will dissolve her army. Look to it: if Her Highness does it we shall all repent it. The Armada will not fail to return after refitting. Parma is of sufficient force to encounter us if he can once pass with his army. The Queen should keep up an army of at least 6,000 men. Names of several knights and gentlemen fit to command them.

Aug. 12. 3. Memoranda, in Burghley's hand, relative to the charge of Her Majesty's Navy. To spend in time convenient is wisdom: to continue charges without needful cause bringeth repentance. Various items of expenditure.

Aug. 12. 4. Note of five lasts of powder delivered to the ships at Harwich, and received by Sir John Hawkyns.

Aug. 12. 5. Declaration by James Quarles of the money received by him out of the Exchequer from the 14th of July, for the victualling of Her Majesty's Navy, and how the same has been employed. The whole Navy would have been fully victualled till the 30th of September, had it not been for the sudden coming of the Spanish fleet.

Aug. 12. 6. Sir Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Gives his opinion for overcoming the residue of the Armada, supposed to be gone for Denmark. Sir W. Ralegh's report. Proposes the Queen should instantly send out a combined fleet to Denmark, to support the young King there, who would then refuse them all succour, and so complete their ruin. The Earl of Cumberland to go out as general, with Capt. Frobisher as his lieutenant. Italian.

Aug. 13. The Camp at Norborn. 7. Sir Tho. Scott and Sir James Hales to Lord Cobham. Certify their numbers had decreased to 3,300 foot and 300 horse in camp, as they had permitted many of the men to return for getting in the harvest, and others had since been dismissed. Want of money for pay of the companies, whereof they stand in great need.

Aug. 13. The Rainbow, in the Downs. 8. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. The five pinnaces sent to take shot, powder, and provision to the Lord Admiral should be informed of his return to the Narrow Seas. Has sent a list of the ships under his charge, and they are now riding in the Downs, and do ne'er a whit fear the Duke of Parma's coming forth. *Incloses,*

8. I., II. *The names of all the ships, with their tonnage, and number of men now serving in the Narrow Seas, under Lord H. Seymour.* [*Two copies.*]

Aug. 14. The Rainbow, in the Downs. 9. Same to same. Has received intelligence by a ship from Embden that they saw a great fleet off the coast of Holland, bearing to the northward. Has sent ships to bring intelligence of the Duke

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of Parma's movements, who has sent for the galleon that got on shore at Calais. It had been a good turn if she had been fired at first. Desires pay for the mariners: four months behind.

Aug. 14. The Rainbow. 10. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Sends more certain news. There is no fear of the Duke of Parma's coming out, the spring tides being past. The Dutch Admiral, with 40 good ships, is keeping watch; that he had but 26 vessels, great and small, and that they only wished for the honour of an action against Parma's ships. The Dutch have sent out 50 sail of North Hollanders in pursuit of the Spaniards, and restrained their fishermen that go for herrings.

Aug. 14. 11. Note of timber trees marked by Her Majesty's surveyor in the counties of Berks and Oxford, within the several manors mentioned.

Aug. 14. 12. Certificate of numbers of men, arms, and munition furnished by the clergy of the diocese of Sarum, specifying the names of the clergy, their livings, and the numbers furnished by each, besides the Bishop's own proportion.

Aug. 14. 13. Certificate of horse and foot furnished by the clergy in the four deaneries of the archdeaconry of Middlesex, to be added to the diocese of London.

Aug. 14. 14. Similar certificate of horse, &c., furnished by the clergy in the archdeaconry of Colchester, part of the diocese of London.

Aug. 14? 15. Similar certificate of horse and armour furnished by the clergy of the diocese of Hereford; amounting in the whole to 254 men.

Aug. 14? 16. Similar certificate of the forces raised and furnished by the clergy of the diocese of Exeter; amounting to 437 men.

Aug. 14? 17. Abstract of the certificate of horses and arms furnished by the clergy in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Aug. 14. 18. Plan for the arrangement of troops in order of battle.

Aug. 14? 19. Certificate by the Lieutenant of the Tower of the names of the prisoners in his custody, with the duration of their imprisonment; the Earl of Arundel, three years and four months, from the 1st of April, 1585; Secretary Wm. Davison, one year and six months, from Feb. 14, 1587. Sir Tho. Gerard, Thomas Abington, William Stafford, and others. [*This is indorsed by Burghley "2 July, 1588;" but the dates clearly show it must have been in August. On the 14th of that month the Council directed a letter to Sir Owyn Hopton, Mr. Daniel, Francis Bacon, and others, to command the keepers of all prisons to make a return of the names of the parties remaining under their several custodies for matters of recusancy, and to distinguish which of them were Jesuits or priests.*" *Co. Reg.*]

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Aug. 16. The Arke. 20. Lord Adm. Howard to the Marquis of Winchester and other Justices of Dorsetshire. In commendation of the service done by the Ryall of Weymouth in defence of religion, their Prince and country, for one month, and desiring them to levy a contribution on the county for payment of the expenses. *Incloses,*

20. I. *A note of the charges expended by the Ryal of Weymouth, in Her Majesty's service, against the Spanish fleet.*

Aug. 16. The Rainbow. 21. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. Having heard from him the report that the Spaniards were in Murrey Frith, which could hardly hold them, he had inquired of the pilots and found that it was able to contain double the number of the Spanish fleet. Is glad to hear the Lord Admiral is coming. Their victuals are nearly expended.

Aug. 16. The Rainbow, Dover Road. 22. Same to the Council. Has received intelligence from Sir Tho. Scott and others that the Duke of Parma had reinforced his shipping so as to transport 40,000 men for England. Doubts the information, but prepares to act upon it, and has sent Mr. Bellingham out for intelligence, who has returned somewhat damaged by the roughness of the weather. Intelligence that the Spanish fleet were in Scotland in Murrey Frith. He shall never be so happy as to see the Duke of Parma come out.

Aug. 16. Helbry. 23. Thomas Lynyall to Lord Burghley. Cultivation of woad. Sir John Perrott is minded to send over 200*l.* for his part. The ship of John Malone of Dublin, after being taken by the Spaniards, had been brought into Torbay. Prays that favor may be shown to him.

Aug. 17. In the Downs. 24. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Monsr. de Nassau has been driven over to the English coast by the storm, and came yesterday to Dover; then followed him into the Downs with 40 sail, well appointed, and dined with him, Sir Henry Palmer, Edward Wynter and John Wynter, Sir William being ill at ease in bed. Speeches after dinner. It was so proud and "outrecuyde" of the Duke of Parma to procure all the nobility of Spain to take upon them the conquest of England. The greatest blow to them was the discovery of Her Majesty's power by land and by sea. Forces of Parma at Dunkirk. Want of victuals.

Aug. 17. The Downs. 25. Justinus de Nassau, the Dutch Admiral, to same. His arrival at Dover Road with 40 ships, where he communicated to Lord Seymour the intentions of the Prince of Parma. Report that Parma had disembarked his soldiers at Dunkirk, with the intention, as it was thought, of laying siege to Ostend. French.

Aug. 18. The Camp. 26. Sir Roger Williams to same. The Duke of Parma is making preparations at Sluys, probably for a sudden attempt upon the Ramekins, Armure, or Tergoes. Advises that Sir Wm. Russell should be advertised of it.

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Aug. 18. The Rainbow. 27. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Walsyngham has fought more with his pen than many in the Navy have fought with their enemies. Mr. H. Bellingham and his company have scarcely sufficient provisions to carry them to London. Requests that he may be rewarded for his services. For himself he has not spared his own body, which thank God is able to go through thick and thin. Will not say, as Parma did, "I am bound to revenge and will do it, "axing God no leave."

Aug. 18. Ipswich. 28. Richard Lewes to William Wattson, merchant in London. Report by a Frenchman from the North Seas that the Spanish fleet was north-east of Flamborough Head seven or eight leagues off the shore, numbering about 80 sails, driving only with the tide. What their lingering meaning is, God only knows. Hopes the Queen's fleet will be ready in the Narrow Seas.

Aug. 19. 29. Certificate of the horse and armour furnished by the Bishop of Salisbury.

Aug. 19. Carew. 30. Sir John Perrott to Walsyngham. Two Irish merchants had arrived in Milford Haven, who reported that certain galleys of the Spanish fleet had been cast away on the French coast. *Incloses,*

30. 1. *The report of Nicholas Feld, an Irish merchant, touching the Spanish ships lost on the French coast.*

Aug. 19. On board the Rainbow. 31. Lord Henry Seymour to same. Shall be glad to do all the service he can. Hears that the Lord Admiral is coming in search of the Spaniards. Wishes him success, but doubts of his meeting. Desires to be recalled, as he was not likely to satisfy his lordship. Must send his cousin Knevet home, being short of victuals.

Aug. 19. 32. Examination of John Wilson, of Barnstaple, shipmaster. As to his knowledge of the preparations for the Armada, while he was prisoner in Spain. Offers made to him to be a pilot in the Spanish fleet. Between 60 or 80 sail at the Groyne. Design to send 7,000 women and 1,200 priests into England. Seditious speeches by Walter Lee in Spain.

Aug. 19. The Rainbow. 33. Lord H. Seymour to Lord Adm. Howard. Reports on the state of his ship, having been obliged to alter her decks to make her fightable. Has detained the Achates on hearing of Lady Sheffield's intended repair to Dieppe. Sickness has broken out in his ship. Has sent the Achates to clear the coast of some pilling knaves, and to convey my lady, his sister.

Aug. 19. The Rainbow. 34. Same to Walsyngham. Desires to be discharged at the coming of the Lord Admiral, as his ship was unfit to go in search of the Spanish fleet unless presently repaired, as the men fell sick with cold, and he thinks they will die faster than they did last year with Sir Henry Palmer.

Aug. 20. 35. A note of the ports from whence a certain number of mariners are to be levied.

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Aug. 21. 36. Don Pedro de Valdez to King Philip II. Relation of events attending the Spanish fleet, from the 30th of July st. no. Resolution of the Duke de Medina to attack the English fleet off Plymouth or to steer direct for Dunkirk. Ill management of the Duke. Various encounters and disasters. Distress of his ship in the storm and neglect of the Duke to assist him. Surrenders to Sir Fr. Drake. Their courteous treatment as prisoners, he being lodged and entertained in the house of Richard Drake.

Aug. 22. The Park, (Isle of Wight). 37. Sir Geo. Carey to his father, Lord Hunsdon, Lord Chamberlain. Intelligence by a bark from Shetland, that a great fleet of monstrous great ships about 100 in number, had been seen steering to run between the Orkneys and Fair Island. The wind would prevent them from making any port of Scotland. Intends to send out shipping to take the Spanish ship lying at Hogge Bay in France.

Aug. 22. 38. Sir Fr. Drake to Walsyngham. [*Illegible from damp.*]

Aug. 22. Southampton. 39. Andrew Studley, mayor of Southampton, to same. Sends intelligence from a ship just come from Scotland that on Thursday the 8th instant they had seen a great fleet of huge ships about 30 leagues northward from Scotland, under sail with the wind at south-east, going westward between the Orkneys and Fair Isle.

Aug. 22. Dover. 40. Lord Adm. Howard to the Queen. Hardly knows how to acknowledge her infinite good to him. With grief he informs her the fleet is suffering much from the infection which has broken out. Those that come in fresh are soonest affected; they sicken one day and die the next. Has written to the Council upon the subject, and sent it by the bearer, Mr. Tho. Fenner. Prays Her Majesty may live more happier days than ever creature that lived on the earth.

Aug. 22. Dover. 41. Same to the Council. The infection in the fleet is so great that many of the ships have hardly men enough to weigh their anchors. Lord Tho. Howard, Lord Sheffield, and other ships at Margate are so weakly manned that they could not come round to Dover. Recommends that the fleet should be separated into two divisions, the one to remain in the Downs and the other at Margate so as to let the men go ashore. The men are discontented that they have not received their full pay. The Roebuck has not yet returned.

Aug. 22. Dover. 42. Same to Sir F. Walsyngham. Was about to write to him of the mortality in the fleet, when he received intelligence from Sir Edw. Norreys of the return of the Spanish fleet. Desires to be strengthened with all the shipping and mariners that can be sent from London.

Aug. 22. Dover. 43. Same to same. The absence of the Roebuck hinders them wonderfully for want of powder and shot. Mr. Barrey is sick, and

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there are neither fire works nor boats ready if the enemy should anchor. Wishes his advice had been followed that the land forces had been kept together till the full of the moon had been passed.

Aug. 23. 44. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Mr. Barrey is dead, and there was no one to supply them with pitch and tar. If the advertisements sent by Sir Edw. Norreys be true of the return of the Spanish fleet, it were to be wished the forces had not been dissolved. Doubts the truth of that information. Other intelligence reports them to have been seen in the channel off Berwick. God knows what is to be done; many of the ships are so weakly manned they cannot weigh their anchors.

Aug. 28. Dover. 45. Lord H. Seymour to same. Intention of the Lord Admiral to divide the fleet into two divisions, himself to command the one in the Downs or Dover, and Seymour the other in Margate Roads. If it be so he desires to be recalled, but does not wish to leave the service if it were likely the Spaniards would return; the Lord Admiral's company is divided into factions.

Aug. 23. 46. Sir Fr. Drake to same. The accounts of the return of the Spanish fleet being so contradictory he still adheres to his old opinion that they would go north about Ireland. The Duke of Parma's ships are small, and must have fair weather to transport any troops. Our sands will take a strong part with us against the greatest ships. Great watchfulness must still be maintained.

Aug. 24. Dover. 47. Mr. Edward Wynter to same. Gives intelligence brought by a mariner from Dunkirk that the Duke of Parma had retired from Bruges in haste towards Brussels, and had commanded the victuals on board his fleet at Dunkirk to be unshipped, and many of his ships dismantled, and his mariners run away daily. Report by young Mr. Norreys that he had left the Spanish fleet to the westward of the Orkneys. His earnest desire is to serve in the wars, either of horse or foot.

Aug. 24. 48. Memoranda, in Burghley's hand, of money expended for various services, from the 25th of March to the 24th of August 1588: with the amount of the sums to be hoped for.

Aug. 24. Weymouth. 49. George Trenchard and Francis Hawley to the Council. Their proceedings in taking order for securing the goods found in the Spanish carack lying off Weymouth. That ship is so great she cannot be brought into the port of Weymouth. She is greatly damaged. No Spaniards of any account are in their town but one Don Melchior de Pereda. *Inclosing,*

49. I. *An inventory of the munition and stores found in the Spanish carack brought into Weymouth; and of the quantities sent to the Lord Admiral.*

49. II. *Inventory of the goods contained in the Spanish ship San Salvador when it was brought into Portland.*

49. III. *Note of the rest of the goods found in the ship aforesaid, valued by the Commissioners.*

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Aug. 25. St. James's. 50. The Council to the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Her Majesty is much pleased with the care taken by him and his deputy lieutenants in training the forces of the shire. Desire them to inquire what sums of money had been collected in the county for armour, conduct money, &c., and how applied; and if the captains had taken money for the release of trained soldiers. Also as to the payment of the soldiers from the time of their arrival at the camp at Tilbury.

Aug. 25. 51. Estimate of the charges for finishing the two forts at Tilbury and Gravesend; with provisions to be made for the same.

Aug. 25. 52. Estimate of the charge of repairing the platform of one part of the Blockhouse at Gravesend; being utterly decayed and taken down.

Aug. 25. St. James's. 53. The Council to the Lord Lieutenants of divers shires, thanking them for their great care in these public services committed to their charge. To inquire as to the sums collected for armour, coat, and conduct money, and its expenditure. Other points, as in the letter to Leicester.

Aug. 25. 54. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Sends up to him two Scotchmen, one who had come out of France, and the other having served in the Duke of Parma's camp, from whom he might learn many things of importance. Has sent a good many ancients [ensigns] and banners by the bearer Thos. Cely. [*These "ancients and banners" were no doubt those displayed at St. Paul's Cross on the 8th of September at a sermon of thanksgiving there: "There was "then openly shewed eleven ensigns, being the banners taken in "the Spanish navy; and particularly one streamer wherein was "an image of our Lady, with her son in her arms; which was "held in a man's hand over the pulpit. The same banners the "next day were hanged on London Bridge towards Southwark." Nichols' Progresses, Eliz., Vol. II., p.* 537.]

Aug. 26. The Arke. 55. Same to same. The beer brewed at Sandwich was sour; belike there was some great fault in the brewer. The mariners think it was one great cause of the infection. Nothing displeaseth them more than to have sour beer. They have not been able to take in their victuals on account of the roughness of the sea. The fleet ought to be divided into two parts, and so to serve alternately; and not to be reduced till after Michaelmas. It grieves him wonderfully to hear of the chamberlain's sickness. *Incloses,*

55. I. *List of ships in two divisions: in Howard's hand. Probably the inclosure mentioned.*

Aug. 26. Dover Road. 56. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Report as to the number of men remaining in the ships now at sea. The fleet has remained divided on account of the roughness of the weather. Many of the western and coast ships have been discharged. 19,000*l.* is required to pay the men to the 28th of July. Postscript by Lord

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Howard: Mr. Hawkyns cannot make a better return. God knows how the lieutenants and corporals will be paid. Thinks 500*l.* will do it, with help out of his own purse.

Aug. 27. Deptford. 57. Capt. Wm. Borough to Walsyngham. He had sent to Chatham to stay the ships and provisions, as the Lord Treasurer had told him that the Navy was to be discharged, except a few ships under the command of Sir Henry Palmer. Could not get to speak with him, as the show of horsemen then began to appear, and many of great honor, in Walsyngham's chamber to see the sight.

Aug. 27. 58. Lord Howard to same. Send a list of the ships appointed to remain under the charge of Sir Henry Palmer and Sir Martin Frobisher to guard the Narrow Seas.

Aug. 27. Dover Road. 59. Same to same. Consultation with Sir Fr. Drake as to sending a force to intercept the Spanish treasure from the Indies. They have no ships able for the voyage till they had been grounded and repaired at Chatham. Sends up Sir Francis to give further information thereon. Account of the money taken out of the ship of Don Pedro by Drake; of which he himself had received 3,000 pistolets, for he had not 3*l.* left in the world. Energetically protests that he had not one crown more. *Incloses,*

59. I. *Note of the money Sir Fr. Drake found on board the ship of Don Pedro, with the appropriation of certain sums out of it. Signed by Howard and Drake.*

Aug. 27. 60. Alderman Anthony Radclyff to same. Suggests that some of the richest of the Spanish prisoners may be put to ransom, to defray the charges of the rest of the company in Bridewell.

Aug. 27. The Arke. 61. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. Has sent the Hope, Capt. Sampson, and five other ships, it being necessary to send a strong force to act against the people of Newhaven. There were certain ships laden with Spanish goods riding under Beechy. Has sent a person to inspect them.

Aug. 28. Dover. 62. Same to same. He can learn nothing of the French ship said to have been taken by two of Her Majesty's pinnaces. The first discoverer of the Spanish fleet was Tho. Flemyng only. Complaints against the town of Newhaven. It is a great dishonor, so much favor is shown to that town, which is at the devotion of Her Majesty's greatest enemy, the Duke of Guise. The ill treatment of English subjects by the French compels them to commit piracy. They have had wonderful storms these two days, and been driven into Dover. The ships appointed to go to Newhaven to assist the Aid and the Charles dare not go out. Order for discharging some of the fleet. Names of the ships which had been selected to serve in the Narrow Seas under Sir Hen. Palmer.

Aug. 28. Dover. 63. Sir John Hawkyns to same. Is sorry to have lived so long as to receive so sharp a letter from him. Gives an account of the

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state of the Navy and of the employment of the money. Order taken for discharge of some of the ships. Does not meddle with those of London, as the Lord Admiral will discharge them all. Discharge of the sick men and soldiers. Prays God he may end this account to Her Majesty's liking, and then he will leave all. If he had any enemy, he would not wish him worse than the course of his troublesome and painful life.

Aug. 28. 64. A note of all the ships in Her Majesty's pay, with the names of those appointed to remain in the Narrow Seas; with a memorandum by Lord Burghley, 16 Sept. 1588, of the ships to go with Sir Walter Ralegh.

Aug. [29.] 65. Earl of Leicester to the Queen. Has sent to inquire after her health, the chiefest thing in this world he prays for. As to his own poor case, he continues still her medicine, and has been better with that than any other. Hopes to be perfectly cured at the Bath; and so praying for her happy preservation, he humbly kisses her foot. Dated from her old lodging at Rycott, Thursday morning. Addressed—"*To* y^e^ *Q. most exeellent Ma*^te^*;*" under which is written by the Queen herself—"HIS LAST LETTER." He died on the 4th of September.

Aug. 28. Dover. 66. Lord Adm. Howard to Walsyngham. Has taken order for the embarkation of Sir Tho. Morgan's men. It is difficult to discharge the ships the men being unpaid, and not one penny to relieve them. It is pitiful to have men starve after such a service. As we are like to have more of such services, the men must be better cared for. A very great hulk, from Lisbon, had been driven into Dover Road. Will leave Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir John, Hawkyns, and Sir Martin Frobisher in charge of the fleet; and himself, Lord H. Seymour, Lord Tho. Howard, and Lord Sheffield will be at the court on Sunday.

Aug. 29. Cockington. 67. George Cary, of Cockington, to same. Having brought the Spanish ship into safe harbour, and bestowed the prisoners in sure keeping, they now send an inventory of the goods found in her. The Spanish prisoners are many and must be relieved, otherwise they would perish for want. Their fish savours so it cannot be eaten, and their bread full of worms. Observations on the inventory. *Incloses,*

67. I. *An inventory of all the ordnance, munition, wine, and all other things found on board the Spanish ship in the haven, at Dartmouth; with a note of the expenses of the Spanish ship, while remaining at Torbay.*

Aug. 29. Greenway. 68. Sirs John Gilberte and Geo. Cary to the Council. Particulars of the safe keeping and bestowing of the Spanish prisoners, 397 in number. 5 of the chief are in gaol at Exeter, 226 in their Bridewell, and the residue have been sent back to the Spanish ship to live upon such victuals as remains there, which is very little and

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bad, their fish unsavory and their bread full of worms. Account of wine found on board. *Inclosing,*

68. I. *Account of munition and charges: as in the preceding letter. Signed by Gilberte and Cary.*

Aug. 29. Paris. 69. Gilbert Gifford to his brother, Gerrard Gifford. Has received the sum of money from his uncle Offley. He knows so well the men in whose power he is, that he never put faith in their promises for his liberty. Thinks however it will not now be long deferred. Trusts in the continuance of his brotherly affection. Would rather have a good sum in hand than a yearly receipt.

Aug. 30. 70. Examinations of such soldiers as were trained and sworn in the charge of Richard Hill, and how many of the said number were by him discharged before they were delivered over to the charge of Tho. Gardenor, and of the sums received for such discharge: taken before Sir Wm. More and others, of the county of Surrey; and similar examinations of such as were discharged by the said Tho. Gardenor.

Aug. 30. 71. Note of the money received by Alderman Billingsley, for armour sold out of the Tower; with the names of those to whom sold.

Aug. 30. Portsmouth. 72. Earl of Sussex to the Council. The ships sent out to take the Spanish ship at Newhaven had returned for a supply of munition and victuals: as the Spanish ship was well manned and appointed with ordnance and meant to fight it out. He had therefore supplied them. The country is unable to pay the expenses of the ships discharged by the Lord Admiral. Mr. Gray, master of one of Her Majesty's ships, had spoken dishonourably of him. *Incloses,*

72. I, II. *Note of such powder, shot, and victuals as were furnished by Sussex to Her Majesty's ships, the 25th of Aug.* [*In duplicate.*]

Aug. 73. Lord Henry Seymour to Walsyngham. His former opinion respecting the course of action pursued by the Duke of Parma has never varied. Speculates upon the effect likely to be produced upon the King of Spain, on the return of the Duke of Medina, with the knowledge of the defeat of the Armada. Thinks the blame will fall upon Parma, who finding himself foiled in his desperate actions, might attempt some unlooked for enterprise against England.

Aug. 74. Don Roderigo de Mendoça to Walsyngham. Thanks for his courtesy and kindness. Italian.

Aug. 75. Note of the charge of the ships sent to the seas by Sir John Gilberte, for the supply of men in Her Majesty's Navy, the 22d of July, and served one month.

Aug. 76. List of the whole army at sea against the Spanish Armada; the ships under the Lord Admiral and Lord Henry Seymour; those appointed to serve westward, under Drake; the ships set forth and

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paid by the city of London; the merchant ships under the Lord Admiral; the victuallers westward; the coasters under the Lord Admiral and Lord H. Seymour; with the voluntary ships that came into the fleet on the appearance of the Spanish fleet; with the numbers of men and names of the commanders.

Aug. 77. Narrative of the voyage of the Spanish Armada, from the day of its departure from Lisbon till its arrival off the English coasts; with an account of the several engagements with the English fleet, and its return northward by Scotland; by Horatio Palavicino.

Aug. ? 78. Note of the apparel, arms, ornaments, and other things taken by Capt. Celie from the Spanish prisoners in Bridewell.

Aug. 79. List of the names of certain persons who are harbourers of seminary priests in the parishes of Wigan, Standish, and Eccleston, co. Lancaster. Thomas Burton, who writeth himself Bishop of Chester, useth the house of Miles Jarrett. There is a town in Staffordshire, called Ridworth, where all are recusants. Name of the writer cancelled.

Aug. 80. The confession of Robert Richardson as to his dealings with James Lawless, being employed by him to write petitions or supplications, for various persons.

Aug. 81. Articles drawn up by the Earl of Kent for examination of Thomas Hill, of Puddington, co. Bedford, touching his opinions in matters of religion, and of his obedience to the Church of Rome; whereunto he refuseth to make answer.

Aug. 82. Names of the ships set forth and paid by the city of London, and of the merchants' ships and coasters serving in Her Majesty's fleet.

[Aug. ?] 83. List of ships, with the Lord Admiral, and the four that went to the Lord Thomas Howard.

[Aug. ?] 84. Note of the powder delivered to Her Majesty's ships in the Narrow Seas, by Sir John Norris, and of that sent by Sir Francis Knollys to the camp at Tilbury.

Aug. 85. Information by Rychart Cogaram of a Spanish flyboat belonging to the Prince of Parma, laden with cochineal and silver, and other costly merchandise.

Aug. ? 86. Brief note of the account of Sir Tho. Heneage, Treasurer at Wars at the camp at Tilbury 1588. Specifying the names of all the officers, and the rate of pay per diem received by each; the Earl of Leicester, Captain-General of all the forces, being 6*l.* per diem.

Aug. ? 87. Note of munitions sent to the Lord Admiral at sea, at several times in July and August, from Portsmouth, by the Earl of Sussex.

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Aug. 88. Account by the Earl of Sussex of the charges of setting forth certain ships from Portsmouth for Her Majesty's service, when the Spanish fleet was off the coast there. Signed on each page by Sussex.

Aug.? 89. Scrap of paper. "How Tarlton played the God Luz with a flitch of bacon at his back, and how the Queen bade them take away the knave for making her to laugh so excessively, as he fought against her little dog, Perrico de Faldas, with his sword and long staffe, and bade the Queen take off her mastie; and what my Lord Sussex and Tarlton said to one another. The three things that make a woman lovely."

Aug.? 90. Richard Tarlton to Walsyngham. Being on his death-bed, he had been induced to put all his goods and lands into the hands of a sly fellow, one Mr. Adams, fuller of law than of virtue, in trust for his child and his mother. Implores him to see that they are not defrauded; his son being six years of age, a godson of Sir Philip Sydney, whose name he carries, and his mother a silly old widow of fourscore years. Signed in three places by Tarlton, the last time evidently in the agonies of death. Indorsed, "*Sept.* 5, 1588. *A "lre to Sir Fra. Walsyngham from Tarlton, expressing his will the "same daye he dyed.*" [*This date was probably the day on which the letter was received by Walsyngham; for in the registry of burials, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, it appears that Tarlton was buried on the 3d of September,* 1588.]

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Sept. 3. Stratford. 1. Edmund Yorke to Walsyngham. As soon as he had recovered from sickness he commenced the description of their encampment and Her Majesty's visit to the army, and hopes to finish it in five days. Desires that some consideration may be shown to his officers, who had performed their duty well.

Sept. 4. 2. Names of Her Majesty's ships at Chatham, in the Downs, and in the Narrow Seas, and of those with Sir W. Ralegh.

Sept. 4. The Ark, in the Downs. 3. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. All of Her Majesty's ships met together in the Downs, where, with Sir Wm. Wynter, he took an account of the number of men left in each ship. Certifies the names of the ships remaining in Her Majesty's pay at Chatham and in the Narrow Seas, with the whole number of men. The sickness daily increases. No new enterprise can be undertaken with the ships in their present condition.

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Sept. 5. Downs. 4. Sir John Hawkyns to Walsyngham. Sends back the book of the costs of the Navy. The Lord Treasurer was not pleased as he had not been able to certify the exact number of men in pay. There were about 4,300 men remaining in pay. Has always been desirous to live in Burghley's good opinion. His pain and misery in this service is infinite.

Sept 5. 5. Names of the Spanish prisoners and how they are disposed: Don Pedro de Valdez, Don Alonzo de Sayas, and Don Antonio de Selva, with Mr. Richard Drake; Ferier de Zalzacer and four others with Sir Walter Ralegh, &c.

Sept. 5. 6. The names of certain Englishmen, prisoners in Spain and in the Low Countries, whose friends in England desire to have the Spanish prisoners to redeem them with: the principal personages being Ferdinando Gorges, Coniers Clifford, and Edward Wingfield, prisoners at Lisle.

Sept. 6? 7. Robert Adams to Walsyngham. Answers to the complaint of Katherine Tarlton, widow of the late Richard Tarlton. Had, at Tarlton's request, prepared a deed of gift of all his goods to his son Philip Tarlton, and undertook the bringing up of the said child, as appears by his answer lately made to a bill in chancery. Has entered into a bond for the due execution of the said deed of gift.

Sept. 6. 8. Bond or obligation of Robert Adams in 500 marks, well and truly to administer to the estate of Richard Tarlton, according to his will annexed, and to account for the same to Philip Tarlton, his natural and lawful son, at such time as he shall accomplish and come to his lawful age.

Sept. 8. Esher. 9. Richard Tomson to Walsyngham. Communication with Don Pedro de Valdez for the ransom and exchange of the officers and mariners taken in his ship; a clemency sufficient to mollify the hardest heart of any enemy. The amount of ransom to be calculated generally at the rate of one month's pay per man.

Sept. 8. Esher. 10. Don Pedro de Valdez (?) to Walsyngham (?). Has been informed by Richard Tomson that Her Majesty was willing to release the Spanish prisoners at a ransom of one month's pay. Requests that some one may be sent to the Duke of Parma with his letters of credit for that purpose.

Sept. 8. St. James's. 11. The Council to Lord Burghley. Request him to make payment of the charge of the eight ships set forth by certain merchants of the city of London to assist the Lord Admiral.

Sept. 9. 12. Ralph Lane to same. With a form of warrant from the Council to Sir Thomas Heneage to pay Capt. Wm. Judge for his services in the camp at Tilbury, which form Lane recommends to be adopted for the payment of all claims of a similar character.

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Sept. 10. 13. Note of the several numbers of horsemen and footmen certified to the Lord Lieutenant of the Army for defence of Her Majesty's person, by the nobility and others, Her Majesty's servants attendant about the Court.

Sept. 11. St. James's. 14. The Council to Sir Owyn Hopton, Dr. Carewe, and others. Desiring them to hear the case of George Organ, a prisoner in the Fleet, and to take such order therein as they shall in justice and equity think convenient. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Articles exhibited to the Council on the behalf of George Organ against Robert Wathen, John Davis, and others: violent assaults committed by Davis.*

14. II. *Order taken by the Commissioners in the case of George Organ, prisoner, and Robert Wathen, creditor, 15th July 1586: referred to in the above.*

Sept. 11. Yarmouth. 15. The Bailiffs of Great Yarmouth to Lord Burghley. The corporation of their town, with one consent, have elected his lordship their High Steward, vacant by the death of the Earl of Leicester.

Sept. 11. 16. Reasons to show why the money is required of the Lord Treasurer for the discharge and repair of certain ships.

Sept. 12. 17. Examinations of various Spanish prisoners wrecked on the Irish coast, sent from Dinglecush, co. Kerry. Deposition of Emanuel Ferimoys, of the ship St. John, of 1,100 tons, the largest ship of the Armada. Their departure, arrival, and encounters in the English Channel and their losses there. When north of Scotland ordered to make the best of their way to Spain. Four or five died every day of starvation in the best appointed ship. Storms off Ireland; their great losses and sufferings. Other depositions. The whole fleet immensely damaged in the fights in the Channel; all horses thrown overboard to save water. Half the number of the Spanish fleet and the people have perished. [*From this point the details of the almost incredible sufferings of the Spaniards must be gathered from the Irish Correspondence. The loss of life by shipwreck was enormous, and thousands who had a chance of their lives by swimming were mercilessly slain on reaching the shore. A large ship was cast away in Tyrawly; so miserably distressed were they on coming to land, that one man, named Melaghin McCabb, boasted that he had killed 80 of them with his galloglas axe. In a letter from Secretary Fenton to Burghley 28th October 1588, he relates that in a walk of less than five miles on the coast of Sligo, he himself had counted "above 1,100 dead "corpses of men which the sea had driven upon the shore," and the like were to be seen in other places.*]

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Sept. 12. The Victory, Queenborough. 18. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the estimate of money required for the discharge of the fleet till the 15th of September, and of the various services for which it is required. *Incloses,*

18. I, II. *A note [in duplicate] of such money as is now to be had for the discharge of the company that served in the Army for Her Majesty, &c., now being at Chatham, London, and elsewhere. Showing the squadrons under the Lord Admiral Howard, Lord Seymour, and Sir Francis Drake, with the numbers of men in each ship, the tonnage of the ships serving under Drake, the ships burnt, the coast ships, and allowance for increase of wages to the preachers, lieutenants, corporals, and secretaries. The highest complement of men in any ship was* 500, *the lowest* 12. *Signed by Howard, Sir Wm. Wynter, and Sir John Hawkyns.*

Sept. 12. Cambridge. 19. John Copcot, Master, and the Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to Walsyngham. Desiring that their cause may be justly heard in the case of Mr. Hickman. He confesses to 11 of the articles preferred against him. They are all now glad it is referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury to end the matter.

Sept. 12. The Court. 20. The Council to the Sheriff of Lancashire. They have sent down Alexander and Thomas Gerard, under the charge of William Neweall, to be put upon their trial for treason and other matters whereof they were indicted.

Sept. 12. The Court. 21. The same to the Sheriff of Staffordshire. They have sent down James Harrison and Tho. Heath, under the charge of Gabriel Hill, to be tried in that county for treason and other matters.

Sept. 12. The Court. 22. The same to Francis Cradocke. Desiring him to give evidence against James Harrison and Tho. Heath, in Her Majesty's behalf, before the Earl of Shrewsbury and the Deputy Lieutenants of Stafford. *Inclosing,*

22. I, II. *Forms of indictment; one against a priest for being in the realm after the statute of* 27 *Eliz. Another for receiving and harbouring of such priest. Two copies, one for Staffordshire the other for Lincolnshire.*

Sept. 14. Cobham. 23. Lord Cobham to Lord Burghley. Has been earnestly entreated by the inhabitants of Dover and Sandwich to solicit for payment for two months' hire of their ships and mariners.

Sept. 14. 24. The Queen to Sir Ric. Greynville. For the stay of all shipping upon the north coast of Devon and Cornwall, as some of the Spanish ships had been driven to sundry parts on the west coast of Ireland. To receive further directions from Sir Walter Ralegh.

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Sept. 14. Exer [Asher]. 25. Don Pedro de Valdes to Walsyngham. Richard Tomson has informed him that the Council had resolved to release 390 of the men of his company at the rate of ten ducats each. Has written to Parma to provide money and ships for their transportation. Spanish.

Sept. 15. 26. The Queen to the Lords Lieutenants of the counties of Devon, Cornwall, Gloucester, Somerset, Chester, and Lancashire, to levy a certain number of men in these counties for service in Ireland, to be ready to march within one hour's warning.

Sept. 15. 27. An abstract of letters from the Justices and others in divers counties relative to the charges of the ships set forth by the sea-ports for service against the Armada.

Sept. 17. 28. Note of the ships now remaining in the Narrow Seas, and of those sent with Sir Walter Ralegh.

Sept. 17. 29. Rafe Lane to Lord Burghley. It is to his no small grief he understands that Her Majesty is displeased with him for sending so great a list of the captains and officers remaining in Her Majesty's pay. Explains that when the instructions were given for dissolving the army, it was directly stated that the officers were to remain in readiness.

Sept. 18. 30. Account of Capt. Edward Tirrell for money received by him of the Queen's Majesty's pay as captain of his company of soldiers at Tilbury.

Sept. 18. Pillingbere. 31. Sir Henri Nevell to William Fosset. Desires him to deliver up a certain release, or otherwise he would commit him to gaol, to make his bad dealings known to the world.

Sept. 19. 32. Plan of an expedition proposed by Sir John Norreys. Her Majesty to nominate a treasurer for the whole adventure, and to put into his hand the sum of 5,000*l.* as her part, and the other adventurers to make up 40,000*l.*, the amount of the whole adventure.

Sept. 20. 33. Memoranda by Lord Burghley for the proposed expedition under Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. 4,000 men to be procured from Holland. Articles of offers from King Antonio.

Sept. 20. 34. Brief declaration of the account of James Quarles for victualling Her Majesty's ships and others at Plymouth from the 1st of December 1587 to the 20th of September 1588.

Sept. 23. 35. Ric. Taillor to Lord Burghley. Is greviously tormented in his conscience to perceive how much he had displeased his lordship by using money in his office, which had been surreptitiously taken out of the Exchequer chest by one Raven, and then delivering the key to Mr. Petre.

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Sept. 25. 36. Note of the instructions sent by the Council to the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire relative to the musters and furnishing of the troops, and discharging of the soldiers by the captains, for money; with the answers of the Deputy Lieutenants to the same.

Sept. 25. 37. Survey of all the tackling, apparel, cables, anchors, &c., remaining in Her Majesty's ships at their coming from the seas; with an estimate of the same stores necessary to be provided for refitting and setting them forth to sea.

Sept. 27. Westminster. 38. Certificate of the rents and payments of the inhabitants and tenants of the Manor of Follyjohn, with its members of Hyremere, Winckfield, and Ascot, parcel of the lordship of New Windsor in the county of Berks.

Sept. 28. 39. John Atfeld, patron of the parochial church of Windlisham, co. Surrey, to Thomas Bishop of Winchester, notifying his presentation of John Wullward to the rectory of Windlisham in place of John Hill, the last incumbent, deceased. Latin. [*Written on the blank leaf of a letter addressed to the Mayor of Windsor.*]

Sept. 28. 40. The state of Her Majesty's ships, boats, and pinnaces examined and surveyed by the Master Shipwrights and others at Chatham, according to the direction and order given unto them from Her Majesty's Officers of the Navy.

Sept. 29. 41. A note or collection of great sums of money paid out of the receipt of the Exchequer from January to Michaelmas 1588, principally for the Navy, the Ordnance, the Borders, and Portsmouth.

Sept. 29. 42. Note of the number of chests of Barbary sugar received of English and foreign merchants.

Sept. 29. Tuthill. 43. Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton to Walsyngham. Certificate by the Deputy Lieutenants of the answers of the captains to the points required of them. Detention of the carts furnished by the shire longer than necessary, and some of the horses were missing. Desires to know if the officers should be made accountable, or if the loss should be borne by the shire.

Sept. 29. 44. Note of fines levied by John Fineux, Esq., sheriff of the county of Kent, ending Michaelmas 1588.

Sept. 29. 45. Articles of complaint by Thomas Coningesby against Thomas Wigmore and others. Assaults by Wigmore and his friends and servants upon Coningesby and his servants. Richard Crofte called the complainant an Italian knave. [*On the 29th of September 1588 the controversy between Coningesby and Wigmore was ordered by the Council to be tried in the Star Chamber. Co. Reg.*]

Sept. [29.] 46. Brief of one material point in the cause between Coningesby and Wigmore.

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Sept. [9.] 47. Brief of the substance of the bill of complaint of Tho. Wigmore against Tho. Coningesbye and his servants, preferred in Her Majesty's Court of Star Chamber.

Sept. 30. Tostock. 48. Wm. Earl of Bath to the Council. Dislike of the county that the liberty of the Stannary should be exempt from the general contribution. The money levied by the officers of the Stannary had not been employed in providing of arms. The muster-roll of the tinners was very imperfect. The captains had received great sums of money from the men for licensing them to stay at home. Is not able, without special authority, to reform these abuses. *Incloses,*

48. I. *Certificate by Caru Rawligh of the tinners, with the names of the colonels in the four courts of the Stannary in Devon. Four captains appointed to every of the said colonels.*

Sept. [30.] 49. Petitions addressed to Lord Burghley for the reformation of abuses in Devonshire. Return of money levied for furnishing soldiers, but not expended. The tinners to be included with the rest of the shire. Money taken by the captains for discharge of soldiers. Proposing a commission to the Lord Lieutenant to examine into all such abuses.

Sept. 30. 50. List of the ships appointed to be furnished by the towns of the Cinque Ports to serve Her Majesty in the Narrow Seas; with their names, tonnage, number of men, ordnance, and stores.

Sept. 51. Abstract of the claims lately delivered by the Officers of the Admiralty for payment to be made to the owners of the coast ships for tonnage and wages, during the time they were employed in Her Majesty's service against the Spanish Armada.

Sept. 52. Inventory of cables and coils of rope remaining in five of Her Majesty's ships; the largest being a cable of 15 inches diameter.

Sept. 53. Th[omas] B[arnes?] to Tho. Phellippes. Particulars of all such matters as passed in conference between him of Bishopsgate Street and his cousin Gilbert and Mr. Phellippes's man Casey. Gilbert was first the practitioner with the gentlemen executed and then the discoverer, and he still remains an intelligencer. Casey was conductor of Sherwood the priest and George Throckmorton.

Sept. 54. Same to same. The cause of his importunate coming to speak with him was only to solicit his speedy dispatch, as he was in danger by remaining long in town. Professes great faithfulness in discharge of the trust reposed in him. Desires to be helped with a little money.

Sept. 55. Note of money allowed to messengers and others in the office of the Treasurer of the Chamber, for conveyance of letters between the Court and Plymouth from May to September.

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Sept. 56. Totals of the several numbers of officers in the several lists of service; with the sums of money due in each list.

Sept.? 57. Petition of Robert Peacock to Walsyngham for allowance for his services at the camp at Tilbury; also as provost marshal in Harwich and muster master for the county of Essex.

Sept.? 58. Petition of Peter Collett, of London, to Lord Burghley. Solicits payment for certain cables and cordage taken by the Mayor of Dover for Her Majesty's service, at the time the Armada was upon the coast in July last.

July? 59. Articles propounded by Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake for dispatch of the intended voyage; to be resolved on by Her Majesty; for a general commission, stay of all shipping further southward than the coast of France, and for some fit person to be sent to Holland for supply of ships and men.

Sept.? 60. Copy of the above with an interlineation by Lord Burghley. [*Norreys was sent over into Holland early in October. See his instructions 6th and 7th October, 1588, in the Holland Correspondence.*]

Sept.? 61. Note of certain charges for which Sir John Norreys craveth to be allowed.

Sedt.? 62. William Hannyngton to Walsyngham. Urges his suit for repair of Her Majesty's house and mills, called the Maison Dieu, at Dover. Estimate of the expense of repairs and of the sums due to him on former accounts.

Sept.? 63. Offer of William Hannyngton for the victualling of Her Majesty's ships serving on the Narrow Seas, at Dover.

Sept.? 64. Memorial by Walsyngham of certain things to be done relating to the Spanish prisoners; the names of the 36 sent out of Ireland, and of those taken in Don Pedro's ship.

Sept.? 65. Petition of Robert Pope and others of Taunton to Lord Burghley. Soliciting payment of 82*l.* due to them for six weeks' service in Her Majesty's fleet, with the ship named the Thomas Bonaventure of Dartmouth.

Sept.? 66. Petition of Anthony Potts to the Council. That he may be paid for the two months he served in Her Majesty's fleet with his own ship, the Charity of Newcastle, and also with a small bark of 30 tons; over and above the charges allowed by the town of Plymouth.

Sept.? 67. Petitions of the Captains, Masters, Mariners, and Soldiers serving in the two ships, set forth by Sandwich and Dover, to Lord Burghley. That they may receive payment for the two months they served under Admiral Seymour, and for which they had had no allowance.

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Sept. ? 68. Memorial of the Inhabitants of Hastings to Lord Burghley. For re-payment of the money expended by them on the Anne Bonadventure, serving in the Narrow Seas for five months; and also for the victualling and manning of eleven crayers set forth to attend upon the Lord Admiral.

Sept. ? 69. Petition of Robert Lowth, yeoman of Her Majesty's household, to Lord Burghley. To favor his suit to Her Majesty, for a grant of the Queen's moiety of concealed tenths of certain parsonages within the diocese of Chester, found by commission, and whereof the informer hath had his moiety. *Annexed,*

69. I. *Notes touching the concealed tenths in the diocese of Chester.*

Sept. ? 70. A consideration by Walsyngham, for abating the expense of Her Majesty's ships, by diminishing the number of men and the time of service.

Sept. ? 71. Petition of Henry Dale to Walsyngham. Offers to provide a sufficient supply of powder for Her Majesty's service, and desires that no other factor may be appointed.

Sept. ? 72. Causes to move Her Majesty to sign her warrant for 13,504*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, for a supply of cordage bought for Her Majesty's use in 1587.

Sept. ? 73. Legal opinions of Mr. Sergeant Danyell and Mr. Sergeant Spurling, on Sir Edward Stanley's claim on the lands of the late Earl of Leicester, for payment of the annuity granted to him by the Earl in October, 1586.

Sept. ? 74. Claim of Thomas Meldrum, for loss of his ship and goods, the Elizabeth of Leistoff, of 90 tons, with all her anchors, cables, stores, &c., burnt at Calais Road; and for allowance for the ship's service in conveying men from Dartmouth to the Lord Admiral.

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1588.
Oct. 1. 1. Narrative of the whole order of arraignment, judgment, and execution of Ralph Crockett and Edward James, priests, at the sessions at Chichester; and of the like condemnation of John Oven and Francis Edwards, whose execution had been respited. Articles of allegiance and fidelity subscribed to by Oven and Edwards. Execution of Crockett and James at Broyle Heath near Chichester.

Oct. 1? 2. List of the names of such Lieutenants, Ensigns, and Sergeants that served at the camp at Tilbury, who were not comprized in the general list exhibited to the Council. Exhibited by Rafe Lane.

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Oct. 1. 3. Gilbert Gifford to Walsyngham (?). Fitzherbert has orders from Card. Allen to deal with the Bishop of Paris for his liberty. Order for apprehending Morgan. Fitzherbert persuades the Cardinal that Queen Elizabeth will never be able to hold out, and that her soldiers will mutiny for want of pay. Boasts by the Spaniards that they will again assail England, but not by the Narrow Seas. Eight priests arrived from Rome, of whom John Gerrard and Arthur Shefford will be in England in a few days. Though England triumphs of this marvellous victory, yet his Holiness has sent a new supply of ships to Spain, &c.

Oct. 3. 4. Frederico Genibelli and Tho. Bedwell to the Council. Wages owing to the pioneers. 160*l.* more than had been received upon the estimate would be required for the fortifications at Gravesend. *Inclosing,*

4. 1. *A note of the money due to the pioneers before the estimate, and of repairs of the forts at Gravesend and West Tilbury, not included in the estimate.*

[Oct. 3.] 5. Plan of Tilbury Fort.

Oct. 3. The Court. 6. Lord Burghley (?) to the Officers of the Ports. To restrain the exportation of grain, and to make certificate of the transportation of grain during the last six months.

Oct. 4. St. James's. 7. Proclamation by the Queen, commanding all soldiers imprested by Sir John Norreys for service in the Low Countries to repair to such places as he shall appoint for embarkation.

Oct. 4. Westminster? Commission from the Queen to George Earl of Cumberland, to take in hand a voyage by sea for the service of the realm and for recovery of his former losses by sea. [*See* DOMESTIC, *Eliz., Vol. CCXXXVII., fol.* 34.]

Oct. 5. The Court. 8. Lord Burghley to Sir Henry Cocke. Directions for the Deputy Lieutenants of Hertfordshire to proceed in the execution of the Council's letters of the 25th of August, notwithstanding the death of the Earl of Leicester, the Lord Lieutenant of that county.

Oct. 6. 9. Note of the money expended on the fortifications at Gravesend and Tilbury, and of the sum now necessary to complete the works.

Oct. 6. Cockington. 10. Geo. Cary to the Council. Further particulars of the goods found in the Spanish ship. Items of some things left out of the last inventory. Cannot agree with Sir J. Gilberte touching the keeping of the Spanish prisoners, Sir John being unwilling to take any pains where no profit ariseth.

Oct. [7.] 11. Specification or list of the blasphemous heresies of Francis Kett, consisting of 15 articles. [*Mentioned in Strype's Annals, Vol. III., part* 2, *p.* 73.]

Oct. 8. 12. Comparative account of the expenses of the Navy for the five years before Mr. Hawkyns's bargain and the five years succeeding. Sir William Wynter's declaration.

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Oct. 9. 13. Note of the charge for victualling the eight ships sent to join Lord Henry Seymour in the Narrow Seas the 25th of July, under the conduct of Nicholas Gorges.

Oct. [11]. 14. Heads or articles for a commission to be granted to Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake, committing to them the charge of the expedition against Spain.

Oct. 11. Westminster. 15. Commission by the Queen to Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake, committing to them the whole charge and direction of an enterprise, authorizing them to make choice of officers and to levy troops for the service, to invade and destroy the powers and forces of all such persons as have this last year, with their hostile powers and armados, sought and attempted the invasion of the realm of England and the dominions of the same.

Oct. 12. 16. Francis Alford to Lord Burghley. His kinsman, John Alford, offers the sum of 400 marks for the wardship of Sir William Fayrefax's son, if Sir William die, who was now sick without hope of recovery. Solicits the collectorship of the late monastery of St. Mary's, York.

Oct. 12. St. James's. 17. The Council to Sir Henry Cocke and the Deputy Lieutenants of Hertford. Directions to proceed with the contents of their letters of the 25th of August, notwithstanding the death of the Earl of Leicester, the Lord Lieutenant of that county.

Oct. 12. Newbury. 18. Tho. Parry to Lord Norreys, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Sends the certificate of the money levied for the late service. Has caused the wages for the watchmen to be levied and paid. Desires further directions.

Oct. 12. 19. Walsyngham (?) to Gilbert Gifford. Is sorry his last letters have been delayed. Endeavours for his release. Fears to commit anything to his hands till he is at liberty. Notwithstanding the impudent practices of Don Bernardino and his followers, all Europe sees the glorious victory which God hath given to England. Destruction of the Spanish ships on the coasts of Ireland.

Oct. 13. 20. Declaration of the account of James Quarles of the charge for the victualling of Her Majesty's fleets from the 1st of July 1587 to the last of September 1588.

Oct. 14. Cockington. 21. George Cary to the Council. Distress of the Spanish prisoners. Has given 1½*d.* per day out of his own purse for them. Sir John Gilberte refuses to follow the directions for the guarding of them. Is ashamed to write of the havoc made of the Spanish goods.

Oct. 14. Cockington. 22. Same to Walsyngham. The Spanish prisoners are in want of relief, being in danger of starving. Sir John refused to follow the instructions, and will take no pains where no gain cometh. Waste of the Spanish goods.

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Oct. 14. 23. The names of the Adventurers in the voyage with Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake, viz., Sir John Burroughs, Sir Roger Williams, Sir Charles Blount, and others.

Oct. 15. 24. Depositions of witnesses in the behalf of George Organ, prisoner in the Fleet, at the suit of Robert Wathen.

Oct. 16. Canterbury. 25. Sir John Norreys to Walsyngham. Requests that Her Majesty's ship the Victory may accompany them in this voyage, one ship greater than the rest being necessary in respect of the King of Portugal and such other company as go with them. Report that the King of Navarre had defeated the King's forces. *Incloses,*

25. I. *Memorial of business for furtherance of the enterprise. Collections from the clergy. The Lords to contribute. Mr. Hurleston to be treasurer.*

Oct. 16. Broxbourne. 26. Sir Henry Cocke to several Justices of Peace in the county of Hertford. Informs them the Council by their letters had authorized the Deputy Lieutenants to proceed with their letters of the 25th of August, notwithstanding the death of the Earl of Leicester.

Oct. 16. 27. List of prisoners removed out of the Tower to other prisons. The Lieutenant to certify how many of them had been maintained at the Queen's charges, and the keepers of the prisons to certify how long the prisoners have been committed.

Oct. 16. 28. List of the ships appointed out of the Cinque Ports to serve Her Majesty on the Narrow Seas, their names, tonnage, officers, and mariners, and wages and victuals per mensem.

Oct. 17. 29. Remembrances by Sir John Norreys to Walsyngham. For licence to buy 6,000 quarters of wheat and as much malt; also licence to transport 3,000 quarters of wheat and 2,000 tuns of beer.

Oct. 17. 30. William Tedder (the priest) to Walsyngham. After having been 14 years in darkness he has been convinced of the error of the Romish religion, and wishes to be restored to Her Majesty's gracious favor. Latin.

Oct. 18. 31. Information of great quantities of ordnance illegally conveyed out of the realm; many pieces pass by night from Wandsworth, Battersea, Lambeth, and other places.

Oct. 19. 32. List of the ships remaining at Chatham in ordinary, with the number of men appointed to keep them, except the Golden Lyon and the Scout, which go with my Lord of Cumberland. List of ships in the Narrow Seas.

Oct. 19. 33. Account of the ten merchant ships that served under Lord H. Seymour, the fifteen victuallers for the whole navy westward, the seven ships and other coasters, and the four ships set out by the city of Bristol, all serving against the Spaniards.

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Oct. 19. 34. Estimate of the charge of every of Her Majesty's ships and others serving by warrant under the Lord Admiral and Sir Fr. Drake, for wages, between the 22nd of December 1587 and the 15th of September 1588. List of ships under Lord Henry Seymour; ships entertained by Sir Fr. Drake above the warrant.

Oct. 19. 35. Mr. Darrel's declaration of the charge of victualling the coast and merchant ships, for the service of Her Majesty, from April to Sept., 1588.

Oct. 20. 36. Estimate of the charge of the coasters that served westward, and of the volunteer ships which served under the Lord Admiral against the Spaniards.

Oct. 20. 37. Note of the rate and value of the ordnance and other munition in the 13 ships set out to the seas by the Cinque Ports.

Oct. 21. Paris. 38. John Baker (nephew of Dr. Philip Baker, some time provost of King's College, Cambridge,) to Walsyngham. Laments his hard fortune, that having been well placed in the Inner Temple, he had fallen among Papists, and been induced to return to the Romish Church. His travels and troubles on the Continent and in England. Knowing many of the most influential Papists in France and Flanders, he offers to furnish Walsyngham with information respecting them. The Spaniards threaten to be in England next spring.

Oct. 21. 39. Note of the sums of money to be disbursed in England for the setting forth of 1,000 footmen to be sent into Ireland.

Oct. 21. 40. Another account, for the same number of men.

Oct. 21. 41. Another estimate, similar to the preceding, but for a greater number of soldiers.

Oct. 21. 42. The number of soldiers appointed to repair to the several ports to be transported into Ireland, with names of the counties wherein they were raised.

Oct. 21. 43. The Council to certain Port-towns. Directions to provide shipping for the transportation of the soldiers into Ireland.

Oct. 21. 44. The names of the shires appointed to put in readiness 1,000 soldiers for service in Ireland.

Oct. 21. 45. Sir Horatio Palavicino to Sir F. Walsyngham. News from Berghes and Ireland. Congratulates him on the complete success of the late victory. Desires him to remember his debt. Italian.

Oct. 22. 46. Notes by Lord Burghley of the money required for shipping troops to Ireland.

Oct. 23. 47. The Council to the Earl of Pembroke. For the levying of 1,100 soldiers within the Principality of Wales, to be sent to Chester and Milford, to be transported into Ireland, to act against

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the shipwrecked Spaniards in the north of Ireland, who had confederated with the Irishry there. Sir Thomas Perrot appointed to command the English troops. *Inclosing,*

47. I. *Note of the number of soldiers levied in certain counties to be transported into Ireland from several ports.*

Oct. 23. St. James's. 48. The Council to the Earl of Derby. To cause the 200 men of Chester and Lancaster, put in readiness for service in Ireland, to be shipped at Liverpool, and to be placed there under the charge of Mr. Delves.

Oct. 23? 49. Note of the money to be paid for coat and conduct money of 200 soldiers to be transported out of Devon into Ireland.

Oct. 23? 50. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of the charges of the soldiers to be transported into Ireland.

Oct. 23. 51. Money paid into the Exchequer by the Masters and Wardens of certain companies, as part of the second loan of the Londoners.

Oct. 23. The Fleet. 52. Arthur Hall to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his favor towards him. Is sorry Her Majesty is so incensed against him. Regrets having left Burghley's service. The Lord Chamberlain refuses to pay him. Intends to remove himself by habeas-corpus into the King's Bench.

Oct. 23. Westminster. 53. Lord Burghley to the Mayor of Carlyon and others. Complaint of Thomas Hughes of interruption in executing the office of alnager and sealing of new draperies in the county of Monmouth. Burghley utterly dislikes of it, knowing the patents to Mr. Fitzwilliams and Mr. Delves to be good.

Oct. 23. 54. Notarial instrument affirming Thomas Seymour to be the true and legitimate son of Edward Seymour Earl of Hertford and Lady Katharine Grey.

Oct. 23. 55. Estimate of such money as is to be disbursed for the voyage presently to be undertaken by Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. Signed by Drake.

Oct. 24. 56, 57. The names of such persons as will adventure in the action with Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake: the City of London, 10,000*l.*; out of Leaden Hall, 5,000*l.*; Sir Fr. Drake, 2,000*l.*; Drake's known friends, 6,000*l.*; Sir John Norreys and his friends, 20,000*l.* Committees appointed. [*In duplicate.*]

Oct. 25. 58. Note of the sums of money appointed for the companies to be transported from Milford Haven into Ireland, by Capt. Jenkins or such as Sir Thos. Perrot or others shall appoint.

Oct 26. 59. Petition of George Nevy, surveyor of Portsmouth, and Tho. Frymleye, master carpenter there, to Lord Burghley; desiring pay-

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ment for the works done by them at Portsmouth since the 22nd of April last past. *Annexed,*

59. I. *A book of the charges of the stone work at Portsmouth, from the 23d of April to the 11th day of August* 1588, *for finishing the utter bridge and stone gate, and for the second bridge, &c., now taken in hand and followed by Geo: Nevy, surveyor, by direction of the Earl of Sussex.*

Oct. 26. Greenwich. 60. The Council to Sir Tho. Perrott. Her Majesty does not think it necessary he should conduct the 1,600 into Ireland, but that he should review them at Milford Haven before their departure. Captain Jenkins has been directed to conduct them to Dublin.

Oct. 26. 61. Note of the disorders in the management of the prisoners in the Tower. Correspondence from without, repair from one to another, performance of mass, Papists and priests relieved by the Earl of Arundell with meat and money: corruption and bribing of servants and waiters, &c.

Oct. 27. 62. Contents of Mistress Mary Shelley's note to Mistress Dorothy White, principally as to payment of money.

Oct. 28. 63. Substance of letters brought by Staveley: viz., Mr. Woodward to Codnor; Woodword's note to Staveley, as to a book in Latin as well against the Queen of Scots as our Queen; Tho. Welles from Rome, to his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Welles.

Oct. 30. 64. Thomas Windebank to Walsyngham. Her Majesty is now in hand writing to the King of Scots. He had spoken with her about M. De Meetekerk, and she wishes to know from Walsyngham how much she ought to bestow upon him out of her privy purse. Her Majesty is unwilling that Mr. Bowes should return, as it was not right that Sir H. Woddrington should be left alone at Berwick. She is writing with her own hand to Lord Willoughby, not to hazard himself so much.

Oct. 30. Greenwich. 65. The Council to Sir Ro. Constable, Lieutenant of the Ordnance. Direct him to take bonds of the owners of the ordnance about London, that they only dispose of it according to certain enclosed articles.

65. I. *Copy of the articles to be observed by merchants and proprietors for regulating the disposal of ordnance.*

Oct. 30. 66. Note of such things to be put in execution for restraint of exportation of cast-iron ordnance: the gunfounders not to cast any more pieces without special licence.

Oct. 30. 67. Brief note of the receipts and expenditure of Francis Cotton on the works of the fortifications at Portsmouth, from the 4th of April 1586 to the 9th of September 1588. The works to the 25th

1588. of March 1587 being under the direction of Wm. Pen, engineer, and from that day to the 10th of August 1588, by the Earl of Sussex.

Oct. 30. 68. Note of the sums of money disbursed by Sir Fr. Drake.

Oct. 30. 69. Account of port ships and others, for which bills have been delivered under the officers' hands, not mentioned in Sir John Hawkyns's book of the expenses of the Navy.

Oct. 30. St. James's. 70. Warrant from Sir Fr. Walsyngham to all Justices of the Peace, &c., to make stay of all High-Germans who are workmen with Mr. Spilman, Her Majesty's jeweller, in his paper mill.

Oct. 30. 71. Rate of allowance for the eight ships burned for the firing of the Spanish Navy.

Oct. 30. 72. Note of debts owing by Her Majesty to divers merchants for naval stores, for the year 1587.

Oct. 73. Estimate of the charge for the ordinary keeping of Her Majesty's ships and other vessels, in harbour at Chatham and the Castle of Upnor; together with sundry other charges incident to the same, to be sustained yearly from time to time. Item, 80*l.* a year for maintaining the great chain at Upnor Castle.

Oct. ? 74. Note of the armour changed or lost belonging to the soldiers, sent by the Hundred of Brixton to the camp at Tilbury, under the charge of Captain Gaynsford.

Oct. ? 75. Sir Francis Carew's certificate of the names of such soldiers of the Hundred of Wallington, co. Surrey, as have had their arms, &c. taken away or changed, under the leading of Capt. Gaynsford and Capt. Courtupp.

Oct. ? 76. Note of arms and armour belonging to the 125 soldiers under Captain Courtupp, out of certain hundreds in the county of Surrey, which had been changed or lost.

Oct. 77. Schedules of the names and numbers of men of the county of Surrey discharged from serving by the Captains, and the sums paid by each for their discharge, with the amount by loss of arms, &c., by pay withheld from them.

Oct. 78. Elias Newcomen to Walsyngham. Would willingly compromise the matter relating to a certain lease, if only his own profit were concerned; but he cannot as the interest of the Church would suffer.

Oct. ? 79. Estimate of the proportion of provisions and stores to be furnished by Her Majesty for the enterprise of Portugal. The Queen to contribute six ships, and the city of London and other towns 20 good ships. Supply of powder and ordnance. Commission for levying 6,000 soldiers, &c.

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1588.
Oct. ? 80. Grant of pardon to John Sheriff, John King, and John Colgan, convicted of forgery and perjury, at the suit of Dame Mary Newenham and Cicely Maidenhead.

Oct. ? 81. Submission of Gilbert Gifford to the Bishop of Paris, praying to be released from his long detention, having been in confinement since the 19th of December. French.

Oct. ? 82. Certificate of money and armour levied and collected in certain hundreds in the county of Suffolk for the muster, with the sums remaining in the hands of the constables.

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1588.
Nov. 1. 1. Schedule of the numbers of captains and soldiers appointed to serve in the castles and forts in the counties of Kent and Sussex, with their several rates of wages by the day; with a memorandum of their service to the 1st of November 1588.

Nov. 1. 2. Acknowledgment by Tho. Harward that he had received of Gyles Porter the sum of *5l.* 15*s.* for one quarter's rent due at Michaelmas last.

Nov. [2.] 3. The Council to the Earl of Bath and Sir Walter Ralegh. By intelligence received from the Lord Deputy of Ireland it appears that he needed no further assistance; and therefore the embarkation of the troops for Ireland need not take place.

Nov. 5. Cockington. 4. George Cary to the Council. Order taken by him for landing the brass ordnance in the Roebuck, taken from the Spanish carack. Has given directions for preserving all goods saved from the wreck of the Spanish ship called the St. Peter the Great, at a place called Hoope, which had been much plundered by the country people. *Incloses,*

4. I. *The names of the chiefest of the Spanish prisoners who were driven on shore at Hoope on the 28th of October.*

Nov. 5. 5. Don Rodrigo De Mendoça to Walsyngham. Prays him to have regard to his poor and miserable state. His ill health renders him more fit to look forward to the grave than to any thing else. Italian.

Nov. 7. Greenway. 6. Sir John Gilberte to the same. Intelligence by Richard Blackater, lately from St. Malo, that the Duke of Medina had arrived in Spain with 50 ships. The King would not see him, but was preparing another fleet of above 150 sail. Sundry Spanish officers of the victualling department had been executed. French shipping freighted for Spain. Had stayed the exportation of victuals till he receives further directions.

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1588.
Nov. 7. Portsmouth. 7. Certificate by Tho. Frymleye, master carpenter at Portsmouth, of the quantity of timber felled in East Beare and the New Forest for the works at Portsmouth. *Annexed,*

7. I. *Warrant of the Earl of Sussex to Tho. Frymleye for the taking up of carpenters for the works at Portsmouth. July* 8.

Nov. 8. Portsmouth. 8. Note of emptions provided and bought for the works and fortifications at Portsmouth from the 26th of February 1583–4 to the 10th of August 1588.

Nov. 8. Haroldstone. 9. Sir Tho. Perrott to the Council. Has received their several letters relative to the troops levied for Ireland, and had given orders for the stay of them, and of all sums of money that may come into his hands for that service.

Nov. 10. 10. The opinion of Sir Fr. Drake and Sir John Hawkyns touching the saving of pilchards in cellars at Causandbay near Plymouth, and in the sea cliffs thereabouts.

Nov. 10. 11. Comparative statement of the annual charge for wages and victualling of the Navy for the years 1565 and 1588.

Nov. 12. Hanwell. 12. Anthony Cope to Lord Burghley. Desires to have the wardship of the son of Mr. Ric. Hunston, who lies very dangerously sick at London, he being indebted to him.

Nov. 12. 13. Roll of names returned for the appointment of sheriffs in the twelve shires of Wales, for the ensuing year.

Nov. 12. Ilton. 14. Anthony Asheley, [clerk of the Council,] to the Council. According to their instructions he has deferred the execution of the Spaniards, and sends a schedule of their names Has taken order for the recovery of the goods embezzled out of the Spanish ship, of which an inventory is being prepared. Offer of the Spaniards to pay ransom for their liberty. Desires to know what shall be done with those who are not Spaniards. *Incloses,*

14. I. *Schedules of the names, offices, and quality of the Spaniards on board the "St. Peter the Great" driven into Hope Bay near Salcomb, adjoining the grounds of Sir Wm. Courtney. Rates of ransom proposed to be paid. List of those who can give no ransom, and of those not Spaniards.*

Nov. 12. 15. Rates and prices of planks, board, and timber offered to be supplied for the Navy.

Nov. 12. 16. The Queen to the Officers of the Exchequer, New warrant for augmenting the annual allowance to Sir John Hawkyns for the keeping and repair of the ships in harbour, the former warrants to cease.

Nov. 13. 17. Note of the monthly charge of the ships serving in the Narrow Seas.

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Nov. 13. Trinity College, Cambridge. 18. John Gerrard to Walsyngham. Complimentary. Excuses his boldness in writing and desires his favor and patronage. Latin.

Nov. 13. 19. T. Fitzherbert to his cousin Gilbert Gifford. The Bishop takes time to consult with the Legate and promises to answer in two or three dâys. He hoped that he would receive his liberty shortly. The greatest news is a talk of war against Savoy.

Nov. 14. Micheldever. Thos. Clerke to Windebank, thanks for favors to his nephew Norton. [*See Holland*, 16 *Nov.* 1588.]

Nov. 14. London. 20. Lord Cobham to Lord Burghley. Desires to know Her Majesty's resolution touching the employment of the shipping of the Cinque Ports.

Nov. 15. 21. Requests and demands made by Messrs. Peert and Yardley, Her Majesty's ale brewers. To have money advanced to them for purchase of malt at the best time of the year. To be paid 40*s.* a tun for the Queen's own ale, which is but 2*d.* the gallon.

Nov. 15. Roche Court. 22. Francis Cotton to Burghley. On his return to Portsmouth he had stated to the Earl of Sussex the order taken for the allowance to clerks and workmen. The Earl objects to paying part unless all were paid. Requests directions.

Nov. 15. Clerkenwell. 23. Francis Thynn to Lord Burghley. Attributes to the froward influences of the heavenly bodies, the overthwart proceedings of the two first triplicities or progressions of his life, now almost ended. Laments not having been appointed to an office in the Heralds' College; the office of Norroy was gone before he came, the place of Chester was granted before he sued. He sued but the door was locked; he knocked too late and so slept with the five foolish virgins. Will not anatomize every man's default lest he be counted one of the foolish sons of Martin Marprelate. Enumerates the characteristic qualities of every officer of the Heralds' College.

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. 24. John Thoms to Lord Adm. Howard. Particulars of the loss of the Spanish ships at Studland, through the misconduct of Nicholas Jones; 34 of our best men saved, but 23 lost, for whose death Jones is answerable. The Lion arrived at Portsmouth much damaged and wants repairs.

Nov. 15. 25. Petition of Tho. Barbor to Burghley. For payment of 740*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* due to him for Ipswich methernecks for sailcloths Had been forced to borrow the money of Sir John Hawkyns who now required payment.

Nov. [16.] 26. Note of the value of the canvas and cordage delivered to Her Majesty's ships in 1587 and 1588.

Nov. 16. 27. Note of the money remaining to be paid for cordage and canvas supplied for the Navy in 1587 and 1588.

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Nov. 16. 28. Tho. Wylkes to Walsyngham. His proceedings with John Golborne and Randall Dodd for payment of the money due by them to Hugh Totty, mercer, of London. Has not been able to come to any arrangement with Dodd.

Nov. 19. Wyrrall. 29. George Delves to same. His proceedings in preparing everything for the embarkation and departure of the soldiers for Ireland. Has sent orders to stay the other soldiers levied for Ireland. The Mayor of Chester refused to assist in case of detention by weather. Account of the expenditure of the money received by Fontlaroy for this service.

Nov 20. 30. Information sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham concerning the making of cast-iron ordnance, and for repressing the unlawful transportation of ordnance into other countries.

Nov. [20.] 31. Device by Lord Admiral Howard, Sir F. Drake, Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir John Hawkyns, Capt. Wm. Borough, and others for the construction of four new ships to be built on the model of the Revenge, but exceeding her in burthen. The dimensions to be 100 feet by the keel, 35 feet in breadth, and 15 feet depth in the hold.

Nov. 20? 32. Fair copy of part of the above: with the name of Math. Baker at the top, in Burghley's hand.

Nov. 20. 33. Estimate of money required for the building of new ships of the above dimensions; in the handwriting of Lord Adm. Howard.

Nov. 21. 34. List of the coast ships and privateers, volunteer ships that served in Her Majesty's Navy, which have been paid, and those remaining unpaid.

Nov. 22. 35. Account of the remains of brass and cast-iron ordnance and other principal natures remaining in the Ordnance Office, and of the sums required for replenishing the stores.

Nov. 22. 36. Note of such brass ordnance, remaining ready mounted upon shod wheels, in the Ordnance Office, furnished with ladles, sponges, &c.

Nov. 23. 37. Estimate of the extraordinary expenses of Her Majesty's Navy for the Christmas quarter, ending the last of December next, over and above that which the ordinary will bear.

Nov. [24.] 38. Order of the royal procession from Somerset Place to St. Paul's Cathedral, on the going of Queen Elizabeth in state to return thanks for the victory over the Armada, as marshalled by Sir Wm. Segar.

Nov. 25. Broxbourne. 39. Sir Henry Cocke to Lord Burghley. Complains of the disdainful pride and malice of his overthwart neighbour Mr. Purvey, who, overflowing the bounds of discretion and modesty, was continually slandering and backbiting him and his friends. But he as lightly esteems his slanderous speeches as of women's scoldings.

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Nov. 26. 40. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Mr. James Quarles, surveyor of the victuals for the Navy, certain sums of money for victualling the six ships appointed to remain in the Narrow Seas, under the charge of Sir Martin Frobisher.

Nov. 26. 41. Estimate of the charge for the building of the ships and vessels now to be made by Her Majesty. In Howard's hand.

Nov. 26. 42. Memoranda, by Walsyngham, of the charges for building the new ships, provisions of naval stores, ordnance, &c.

Nov. 26. 43. Estimate of the charge for victualling Her Majesty's own ships, and all other ships serving with them, from the 1st of July 1587 to the last of December 1588, being one whole year and a half.

Nov. 26. 44. Account of debts owing in the Office of the Navy for the two years 1587 and 1588, for which no warrant has been received from Her Majesty. Under the hands of Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir John Hawkins. Wm. Holstock, and Wm. Borough.

Nov. 27. 45. Note of sums to be issued to Sir John Hawkyns, Treasurer of the Navy, and to James Quarles, surveyor general of the victuals, for Sir Francis Drake's charges.

Nov 27. Rooche Court. 46. Francis Cotton to Lord Burghley. Has been solicited even with tears to represent the lamentable distress of the men engaged on the works at Portsmouth, who had not received one penny since April last. Desires to know his pleasure as to making the extraordinary payments due at Portsmouth.

Nov. 28. Yarmouth. 47. Wm. Smythe, customer, and Henry Manshipp, comptroller, at the port of Yarmouth, to same. They have, according to the proclamation, stayed two ships laden with corn for Rotterdam, till they should receive further instructions.

Nov. 28. 48. Submission of John Gifford of Chillington, in the county of Stafford. Acknowledging Her Majesty to be his only lawful and undoubted sovereign lady and Queen.

Nov. 28. Deed of sale from Francis and Edward Alford to Nicholas Portar of the capital messuage and chief mansion house of Aston Subedge, wherein the said N. Portar now dwelleth; together with other lands and premises in the occupation of various parties. [*Case D., Eliz., No.* 9.]

Nov. 30. Mile End. 49. Art. Throkmorton to Walsyngham. Requests his favor in his behalf. Desires him to inform Her Majesty of his having been in Scotland, which he would do more favorably than anybody else. Sends him a "workyday standish" as a present, and not as a bad bribe to obtain a better benefit.

Nov. 50. Lord Burghley to same. Sends him two letters, one of water the other of fire. Desires him to remember his message by Mr. Beale. All irresolutions and lucks are thrown upon them two, in all "Her" speeches to everybody. The wrong is intolerable.

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Nov. 51. Account of money paid out of the Exchequer from Michaelmas 1587 to the 28th of October 1588; and money paid for the several services from Easter to November 1588.

Nov. 52. Notes of the sums paid for various incidental services from Easter to November 1588.

Nov. 53. Certificate by Christopher Baker of all sorts of provisions delivered into Her Majesty's storehouse at Deptford Strond, for the year 1587.

Nov. 54. Brief note showing the state of the Queen's Majesty's storehouse at Deptford Strond for the year 1582, at which time Henry Gillman, deceased, and after him Christopher Baker took the charge.

Nov. 55. Proposed bills to be introduced into Parliament: new laws to be offered to the Lower House; good laws now in force to be executed; certain bills that were dealt with in the last session, but proceeded no farther than the Lower House, for want of time.

Nov. 56. Certificate of powder, shot, &c., delivered out of the Queen's store to the several ships under the charge of Sir F. Drake, and for providing stores, &c., for the said ships. Note of stores for furnishing the Gallion Leicester, under Drake; with note of articles for fire works provided in London, by order from Sir Fr. Drake, the 14th of April, 1587. [*Some of these items are very curious, as "For slurr bows 20, at 25s. the piece: for 20 dozen of firework "arrows for the said slurr bows at 5s. the dozen." These slurr bows were evidently for the projection of arrows in a state of ignition, to strike in the enemy's sails and so to set fire to them.*]

Nov. 57. Account of the charges of the royal stables for anno 30° Eliz., the Earl of Essex Master of the Horse: the number of horses, names of officers, cost of provender, wages of servants, &c.

Nov. 58. Note of such shires as are at this present under composition to furnish sundry kinds of provisions for the royal household; of such shires that did compound, but are now broken; and of those shires which have not yet compounded.

Nov.? 59. A small pocket memorandum book of Lord Burghley's, principally payments of money in various branches of the public service.

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Dec. 1. 1. Order in Council for settling the controversy relative to the fishing of pilchards in Devon and Cornwall: together with certain notes which those of Cornwall pray to have added.

Dec. 1. 2. Articles which the Merchants of Cornwall desire may be added to the Council's order for regulating the fishing of pilchards.

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Dec. 1. 3. Petition of the town of Plymouth in behalf of themselves and other towns, relative to the articles to be added to the order of Council for regulating the fishing of pilchards.

Dec. 1. 4. Estimate by Sir Wm. Wynter of such ordnance as may be spared out of the forts along the seacoast.

Dec. 2. 5, 6. Account of all the brass ordnance remaining in the castles, forts, and bulwarks along the seacoast. [*In duplicate.*]

Dec. 3. 7. Survey of the powder and saltpetre in the Tower and in London. Quantities of saltpetre to be delivered to Evelyn and Hill, the gunpowder makers, to perform their bargain.

Dec. 3. 8. Statement of the title of Mr. Edward Nevill to the barony of Burgavenny. Question: Whether the heir female of George Lord Abergavenny neither having the barony castle nor ancient lands, or else the heir male of the said George having both the barony castle and the ancient lands, ought to inherit the title?

Dec. 4. 9. Foreign advices. Surrender of Castle Rowell to the Duke of Savoy. Embargo on all shipping in Spain, the King intending to make such an army as never was seen. Return of the Duke of Medina Sidonia, with the loss of above 80 sail of his greatest ships; he is in great disgrace, and the clamour of the common people is sore against him.

Dec. 5. 10. Notes sent by Sir Harry Nevill to Walsyngham. That better order may be taken for the security of the money and arms provided by the shire. Offers of the county of Berks to raise and furnish 1,000 men armed. With resolutions on each article

Dec. 5. 11. Notes for the transportation of grain, and for provision of wheat in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge.

Dec. 6. 12. Certificate by Elizabeth Fowlar that Mr. Edward Barker used all mildness in the search of the house of her husband, Thomas Fowlar, in St. Mary Spittle. Note of the sums due on Mr. Fowlar's account, indorsed.

Dec. 6. Paris. 13. Gilbert Gifford to his brother. Complains that none of his letters have been acknowledged. The promises held out to him have not been performed. Charles Arundell had deceived them, and he now suffers for the old quarrels between Morgan and the Jesuits. Has received letters from Fitzherbert. Has been forced to make a submission and agree not to proceed against his persecutors. Long detail of proceedings of the Catholic parties in France.

Dec. 6? 14. Confession of Gilbert Gifford that he had been persuaded by an English gentleman named Morgan to practise with the Huguenots of England and principally with Sir F. Walsyngham.

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1588. Dec. Douay. 15. Two Priests of Douay to the Mayor of Canterbury. Requesting him to forward their letters, publicly, to one Tedder, a seminary priest, who was in some prison in London, a man very well known to the Council.

Dec. 7. 16. A treatise setting forth the title of Mary, sole daughter of Henry Lord Burgavenny, to be Lady of Burgavenny, with copious maginal notes and observations by Lord Burghley.

[Dec. 7.] 17. A brief recital of the first builder, owners, and lords of the Castle of Burgavenny, with their several titles and successions, from the first lord of the territory called Overwent, or Wentland, whose name was Hamelyn de Balun, before whose time a giant called Ayres had builded a strong fort or hold there. In favour of Dame Mary sole daughter and heir of Henry the last Lord of Abergavenny, and wife of Sir Thomas Fane of Kent, knight.

[Dec. 7.] 18. The book of Mr. Somerset, herald, proving the descent of the title of Bergavenny to be in Dame Mary, wife of Sir Thomas Fane, and he by the courtesy of England, in right of his wife, entitled to the style and dignity of Baron of Burgavenny: embodying the above "brief recital."

[Dec. 7.] 19. The right and title of Dame Mary, wife of Sir Thos. Fane, daughter and sole heir of Henry late Lord Bergavenny, deceased, to the style and dignity of her said father. With annotations, by Lord Burghley, to the pedigree of the family from Sir William Beauchamp Lord of Bergavenny.

[Dec. 7.] 20. The general answer to all such precedents as Mr. Edward Neville produceth to prove the title of dignity of a barony upon one entail of the land to the heir male in the collateral line, to descend accordingly to that heir male, and not to the heir female in the direct line being heir general, against the claim of the Lady Fane to the title of the barony of Abergavenny. Set down by Francis Thynne.

[Dec. 7.] 21 Genealogy and pedigree of the Barony of Bergavenny from Eve wife to William Cantelupe, Lady Proprietary of Bergavenny.

[Dec. 7.] 22. Pedigree of the descent of the Barony of Bergavenny from Ralph Neville first Earl of Westmoreland to Mary daughter of Henry late Lord Bergavenny. Exemplified by William Dethick, Garter.

Dec. [8.] Deptford. 23. Lord Adm. Howard to Lord Burghley. Solicits payment of a surcharge of 623*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* for extraordinary kinds of victuals, as wine, cider, sugar, &c., supplied to the ships at Plymouth, by the order of himself and Sir F. Drake in the late service. Will pay for a further supply of beer and wine, out of his own pocket. *Incloses,*

23. 1. *Comparative statement between the charges of the extraordinary victuals delivered in gross by order and*

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warrant, and Her Majesty's ordinary allowance due by the day. Examined by Mr. Auditor Jo. Conyers, Dec. 8, 1588.

Dec. 8. 24. Petition of Ralph Quernby to Lord Burghley. For payment of 350*l.* due to him for masts, timber, and other stores for the use of the Royal Navy.

Dec. 8. 25. Articles drawn up by Sir Geo. Barne, Sir Geo. Bonde, and others, committees and captains for the training of a certain number of citizens of London in the military art, to be submitted to the consideration of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen. Proposes the establishment of a mathematical reader before the death of Lady Gresham.

Dec. 9. Paris. 26. Secret advertisements directed to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. The names of certain priests who were intended to be sent over into England. The sons of Papists sent over to study for priests. Names of the priests with whom the writer associated. Cause of his disagreement with them.

Dec. 11. Westminster. 27. Earl of Sussex to Lord Burghley. Has according to his desire, signed the account of the surveyor and master carpenter of the works at Portsmouth for the works executed there. Distress of the poor artificers, who have received no pay for the last eight months. *Incloses,*

27. 1. *Note of the money due and to pay at Portsmouth, for the stone work made to the bridges, gates, and traverse wall, and the carpenters and smiths' work there. Signed by Geo. Nevy, Tho. Frymleye, and the Earl of Sussex.*

Dec. 14. 28. Petition of Sir John Hawkyns to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral. Requests them to obtain Her Majesty's permission that Mr. Edward Fenton may serve as his deputy, for one year, to enable him to finish his accounts which have grown so great and intricate by reason of the late extraordinary sea services.

Dec. [14.] 29. Warrant from Queen Elizabeth to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral, authorizing the appointment of Edward Fenton to be deputy of Sir John Hawkyns, for one year, to enable him to draw up his accounts.

Dec. 16. 30. Note sent to Sir Fr. Walsyngham of the names of certain seditious books newly published: the first—Maria Stuarta Regina Scotiæ, Dotaria Franciæ, Hæres Angliæ et Hyberniæ, Martyr Eccle: innocens a cæde Darleana, vindice.

Dec. 17. Greenwich. 31. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Has this night procured Her Majesty to dispatch the letter to the Count De Neuwenar touching Deventer. He told Her Majesty that he had sundry petitions for her signature; but she stopped him and complained of want of sleep, and unquietness. He said he hoped she would sign

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them before Christmas, she replied, "God forbid else!" She said the Lord Chancellor and Lord Admiral could not abide in their chambers, for ill airs, which she said came through the sinks.

Dec. 19. 32. Thos. Windebanke to Walsyngham. Has dealt with Her Majesty for her order to be given by the Lord Treasurer to the Lady of Essex for delivery of certain evidences. Her Majesty was not disposed to sign any other bills. The warrant for Mr. Quarles had been signed.

Dec. 19. In the Court, [Greenwich]. 33. John Wolley to same. Has acquainted Her Majesty with the letter out of France. She desires her ambassador to be instructed to tell the French King that the report of the Spanish Ambassador, that she had solicited the aid of the Turk and the King of Barbary against Spain, was untrue. Her Majesty departs for Richmond on Saturday next. The disorder happened by my Lord of Essex has troubled Her Majesty very much. He has challenged Sir Walter Ralegh, which is sought by the Council to be repressed and to be buried in silence that it may not be known to Her Majesty.

Dec. 10. 34. Order taken by Sir Fr. Walsyngham in presence of Sir Wm. Wynter and others between Christopher Baker and Nicholas Wilson.

Dec. 20. 35. Request by Sir John Hawkyns for an order for payment of the remainder of the warrant for the ships that served westward under Sir Fr. Drake.

Dec. 20. 36. Sir Wm. Wynter to Walsyngham. His service and duty to Her Majesty and love to his country impel him to state his opinion that the King of Spain still harboured designs against England and would attempt to obtain possession of London. Importance of fortifying London and the salient points of the River Thames. Wishes not to live to see Her Majesty's Navy diminished. What a jewel the fame of it has been, even in his own time. Recounts many notable services in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward, and Mary, till lastly this last God's gift against the Spaniards. Sandwich, Harwich, and Yarmouth should also be fortified. Offers to make a plat of the Thames.

Dec. 23. 37. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Thought the papers relative to the voyage of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake had been at court. Return of Norreys from Holland. Doubts if the English soldiers in Holland can be spared to join in the expedition. Returns his minute of the form for the Privy Seals.

Dec. 24. 38. Petition of 11 persons to Lord Burghley; requesting payment of the money due to them for goods delivered to the Officers of the Admiralty.

Dec. 26. Richmond. 39. Lord Adm. Howard to Burghley. Has inquired of the Officers of the Navy what sums of money would be required by Mr. Allen for the provision of cordage, masts, and other naval

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stores. Mr. Allen to be answerable for the cordage supplied. *Incloses,*

39. 1. *Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir John Hawkyns, and Wm. Holstock to Lord Howard. Their estimate of the money required by Mr. Allen for naval stores.* *Dec.* 23, 1588.

Dec. 37. 40. Capt. Thos. Fleaminge to Lord Burghley. Requests payment of 70*l.* remaining due to him for his late service at the seas, by command of the Lord Admiral.

Dec. 27. Chillington. 41. Gerard Gifforde to Thos. Phelipps. In behalf of his brother, that if he withdrew his favor from him his father would entirely abandon him. Desires to know his determination respecting the matter of Yorkshire.

Dec. 29. Basing. 42. Marquis of Winchester to Burghley. Perceives by his letter, by Sir Wm. Cecill, that he wished to have seen Lord St. John at Wimbledon. The malicious reports about his son are untrue, who would be ready to attend on his lordship. Speaks favorably of the gentlewoman, who for her virtue and good breeding, deserveth great commendation. Will do all he can to further the proceeding; their friendships being more than the portion required. [1588 ?]

Dec. 29 43. Note of cordage and other stores delivered by Mr. Allen out of the storehouse at Deptford, on the return of Her Majesty's Navy to Chatham.

Dec. 30. 44. Note of stores belonging to Her Majesty's Navy, committed to the keeping of the clerk of the store: signed by Chr. Baker.

Dec. 30. 45. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Relative to the charge to be borne by Her Majesty in the expedition of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. Amount of money to be raised. The payment of the soldiers must be considered before signing the warrant. *Incloses,*

45. 1. *Notes for a letter to be written to Sir Tho. Sherley, of the money to be paid by him to Sir John Norreys.*

Dec. 30. His house in the Savoy. 46. Same to same. Recommends that the trade of the English merchants to France should be restored to its former course. Is free from pain, though weak and sore in his legs. Sends him a book of lies translated from the Spanish, which he thinks of having printed in Spanish.

Dec. 30. Richmond. 47. The Council to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of the counties of Essex and Hertford. Directions to levy 250 soldiers and 65 pioneers in the county of Essex, and 100 soldiers and 25 pioneers in Herts; to be embarked at London the 20th of January next, to serve under Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake.

Dec. 30. Richmond. 48. Grant by the Queen to Tho. Conway, of the office of the Butlerage of the city of London, upon the surrender of Ambrose Earl of Warwick. Latin.

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Dec. 31. 49. Estimate of the whole charges for the setting forth to the sea of the army appointed for Her Majesty's service, under the command of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake.

Dec. 31. Hogsden. 50. Sir Tho. Tresame to Lord Burghley. Thanks on behalf of himself and fellow prisoners, for his influence in obtaining for them their liberty from confinement in the Palace of Ely.

Dec. 31. 51. Certificate of the allowances and wages due to the officers and mariners of Her Majesty's Navy, for one year, ending 31 Dec. 1588; and account of Mr. James Quarles, for the victualling the Navy.

Dec. 52. John Trew to the Queen. Prays to God for her preservation and salvation, and though an old man, desires to be employed in the wars. He has an invention which would do as much service as 5,000 men in time of extremity; and also an engine to be driven before men to defend them from the shot of the enemy. Desires to be appointed to some office or pension.

Dec. 53. Account of Marmaduke Darrel, deputy to James Quarles, Surveyor General of the Victuals, for the victualling of Her Majesty's Navy in the West parts, from Dec. 1, 1587, to the 26th Sept. 1588, and other charges to the month of November following.

Dec. 54. Petition of William Cokayne and John Burnell, merchants of London, to Lord Burghley, for payment of 881*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, for cables and cordage, delivered into Her Majesty's stores.

Dec. 55. An estimate of extraordinary charges expended upon repairing Her Majesty's ships at Chatham, for carpentry for the Christmas quarter 1588, over and above that which the ordinary will bear.

Dec. 56. Note of arms, armour, and munitions and other stores, provided by Sir John Norreys in the Low Countries.

[Dec.] 57. Petition of John Burd, merchant of London, to Lord Burghley, praying him to take order with Sir Fr. Drake for payment of 80*l.* remaining due to him for the Golden Noble of London, employed in the late service.

Dec. ? 58. Petition of Gilbert Lee to the Lord Treasurer and the Lord Admiral. Desires payment for six weeks' service of his ship, the Rat of the Isle of Wight, against the Spaniards,

Dec. 59. Warrant to the Exchequer to issue 12,264*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for payment of merchants, artificers, and others, who had supplied provisions to the Officers of the Navy in the late service; and the further sum of 6,000*l.* by way of imprest for the building of certain new ships.

Dec. 60. An estimate of the proportion of brass ordnance thought meet for the furnishing of certain new ships. Return to be made of the ordnance remaining in various places.

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Dec. ? 61. The Council to the Mayor, &c., of Southampton. To enforce the execution of the verdict against Walter Lambert, at the suit of Thomas Moore in two actions of debt, and to set the said Moore at liberty. [*On the 9th of December the Mayor, &c., of Southampton were directed to proceed to judgment and execution in the controversies between Moore and Lambert. Co. Reg.*]

Detail of the Queen's whole army at sea against the Spaniards in the year 1588; the names of the Queen's ships and number of men, and names of the commanders; the ships serving westward under Sir Francis Drake; those set forth by the city of London; the coasters under Lord Henry Seymour, and the volunteers that joined the fleet after the arrival of the Spanish fleet. [*See Dom., Eliz., Vol.* CCXXXVII, *fol.* 15.]

Names of all the port towns, and of the ships and pinnaces appointed to be set forth by them on the arrival of the Spanish fleet. [*Ib., fol.* 18.]

Brief report made of the charge of the wages, diets, and entertainments of the Lord High Admiral, the Admiral, Vice-Admirals, and divers captains, masters, mariners, gunners, and soldiers, appointed to serve Her Majesty on the seas against the Spanish forces, for one whole year ended at Christmas anno 1588. [*Ib., fol.* 62.]

62. Plan of fortification and defences of Southwold, co. Suffolk.

63. Account of money owing in St. Katherine's for soldiers' diets; probably troops from Holland. Signed Damas van Loo: with a receipt for 18*s.* annexed.

64. Note of all such faculties as have been granted for the holding of pluralities from the 21st to 28th years of Elizabeth inclusive.

65. Certificate out of the Office of First Fruits of the names of persons holding pluralities of benefices; with the value of the same.

66. List of Knights of such shires as have not compounded, and of those who have broken their composition.

67. Latin verses on the defeat of the Spanish Armada, addressed to Daniel Rogers, Signed ELEUTHERIUS.

68. Book of entailed lands in the counties of Northampton and Rutland.

69. Note of the loss sustained by the sale of the provisions brought from the West country and the wreck of the Mynyon of Fowey, laden with victuals, sunk at Dover.

70. Account of the expenditure of the ordinary warrant of 6,000*l.* per annum for the office of ordnance.

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71. Plan of fortifications to be constructed at Swaleness, near Queenborough.

72. Petition of Ralph Lever to Lord Burghley, the Earl of Huntingdon, and Sir Fr. Walsyngham; touching the matter between him and the Bishop of Durham. Requests that his suit against Mr. Conyers and Lady Usons may be permitted to proceed in the Court of Chancery.

73. Articles exhibited against John Walpolle and William Stowe, concerning Mr. Carlton's engine, lately overthrown upon the sea bank at Holbech, co. Lincoln, employed in draining the fens.

74. A table belonging to the plat of Lincolnshire, giving an alphabetical list of all the several divisions, towns, parishes, and villages in the county.

75. Captain Vasco Doarte to [Sir Fr. Walsyngham]. That he had been engaged 26 years on the seas, both in the North and South, and discovered New Guinea. Has a secret which might be very useful to this realm. His desire to be presented to a Queen of such great judgment as Her Majesty.

76. The answer of Charles Lyster to the complaint of Elizabeth Vaughan and Richard Vaughan relative to the title of a certain copyhold tenement in which Roger Vaughan has an interest.

77. A note of such Papists as are known to be beyond seas, and of their friends here in England: Dr. Lewis, at Antwerp; John Smith, serveth Dr. Worthington at Brussels; four sons of Mrs. White; Roger Weston, a scholar of Oxford; the four sons of Mr. Rokewood—Christopher, Robert, Henry, and Ambrose; Henry Greene *alias* Garnett, &c.

78. Substance of the petition of Lady Danvers containing a true declaration of the whole proceedings in the controversy and affray between Sir Walter Longe and Henry Longe, his brother, against Sir John Danvers, his sons, and followers. Abuse of Sir Charles Danvers by Henry Longe. Affray and death of the said Henry by the hands of Sir Henry Danvers. [*Imperfect.*]

79. The present state of the Court of the Queen's Majesty's Council in the Principality and Marches of Wales; being a report on the nature and constitution of all the law offices in the Principality of Wales and the duties of the respective offices.

80. List of the elections of Fellows in All Souls College, Oxford, from 1584 to 1588 inclusive: signed George Smith.

81. Petition of Oliver Gerratt and others, freeholders of the parish of Harfield, Middlesex, to Fr. Walsyngham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, praying they might be allowed to enjoy their common rights in the manors of Harfield as they used to do before Sir Edm. Anderson purchased it.

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82. Memorandum addressed to some Lord, of the profits that would accrue to him if he could obtain a patent for the importation of currants, as formerly enjoyed by the Turkey Company. [*The patent of the first Turkey Company expired in* 1588, *which is probably the date of this paper.*]

83. Petition of the Aldermen and Company of the Merchants of the Stilyard to the Council; praying for the release of certain ships detained at Dover by Sir Martin Frobisher, and the sale of the goods. Their requests touching the same.

84. Orders to be put in execution for preventing of the abuse committed by the brewers in not making their casks to contain the full measure.

85. Bill of information by John Taverner, Surveyor of the Queen's Woods, against Richard Hill, William Taylor, and others, for the spoil of woods in Malvern Chace. With the joint and several answers of Hill and others to the same; replication of John Taverner, and rejoinder of Wm. Taylor and John Woodman.

86. Petition of Merchants trading to Venice to the Council; praying for some order to be taken for mitigating the losses they have sustained by reason of the new impositions laid on their traffic by the Venetian Government. With statement of shipping and mariners maintained by the Company.

87. List of Knights, probably military commanders. Indorsed, "*Noat of leaders, not perfect.*" In the handwriting of Sir John Norreys.

88. Names of the Captains to be sent for out of the Low Countries. Names of the Lieutenants and Ensigns who have been employed in former service. In the hadwritlng of Sir John Norreys.

89. Dr. William Prytherghe (or Prythero), doctor of laws and preacher of the word of God, to Walsyngham. Complains of the iniquitous conduct of the Bishop of Bangor, who refused to admit him to the Rectory of Llanbeylan, to which he had been presented by Her Majesty. Prays him to hear and determine the matter himself; or to commit it to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Grant to R. B. of the office of Keeper of the Bows in the Tower of London, in reversion after the death of J. P. [*See Warrant Book I., p.* 124.]

Grant to Walter Bennett of the Bailiwick of the Manor and Castle of Wallingford, co. Berks, parcel of the honor of Ewelme, for life, with all fees, &c., as Edw. Skipwith or John Parrett had held the same. Latin. [*See Warrant Book I., p.* 167.]

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A survey of all the tackle and apparel, cables, cablets, anchors, and other provisions remaining in Her Majesty's ships, taken at their coming from the seas, as well by the view of John Austen and Ric. Poulter, two of the masters of Her Highness's said ships; as also by Roger Monnox, clerk of the survey. Besides the signatures of Austen and Poulter, the survey of each ship is attested by her boatswain. The surveys extend from September to December 1588, and consist of the following ships:—The Triumph, the Elizabeth Jonas, the Bear, the Ark Royal, the Victory, the Hope, the Golden Lion, the Mary Rose, the Elizabeth Bonaventure, the Revenge, the Nonperelia, the Rainbow, the Dreadnought, the Swiftsure, the Antelope, the Foresight, the Swallow, the Aid, the Bull, the Tiger, the Scout, the Tremontane, the Achates, the Charles, the Disdain, the Spy, the Marlyn, the Advice, and the Signet (q. Cygnet). At the end of the surveys of the above ships is, at p. 144, a Declaration or total of all the several wants necessary to be supplied in each ship.

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Book of all offices under the Crown, with the amount of salaries, fees, and allowances attached to each; comprising Officers of the Courts of Revenue; Officers and Ministers of Justice; Officers in the various departments of the Household; Keepers and Officers of Royal Houses, Castles, Parks, and Forests; Keepers of Forts and Garrisons in various counties, &c. &c., amounting in the whole to 84,428*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* [*The date of this fine volume is uncertain; it cannot be earlier than* 1588, *as that year is mentioned in fol.* 37 *in connection with the Earl of Warwick, who died in Feb.* 1590.]

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Jan. 2. 1. Petition of John Tye and John Barber of Ipswich to Lord Burghley; soliciting payment of the tonnage of the two hoys set forth by the townsmen of Ipswich for service in Her Majesty's fleet.

Jan. 2. Morlsham. 2. Sir Tho. Mildemay to same. After perusing his lordship's letters he forwarded them to Sir John Petre. Intends on Thursday to wait upon Burghley at his house in the Savoy.

Jan. 2. Mincing Lane. 3. Sir John Hawkyns to same. Has deputed, by order of law, Mr. Edward Fenton to be his substitute in the office of

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Treasurer of the Navy, for one year. Sends a note of the ships which served westward under Sir F. Drake, and desires 1,000*l.* for payment of them.

Jan. 3. 4. Examinations of Richard Ede and Henry Aldersey taken before by Wm. Waad, Clerk of the Council, touching one Poley, prisoner in the Marshalsea, as to his borrowing money of one Wm. Yeomans. Ill conduct of Yeomans' wife with Poley.

Jan. 3. Brokett Hall. 5. Sir John Brokett to Lord Burghley. Is much pleased that Her Majesty has appointed him Lord Lieutenant of their county. Resolution to meet on Tuesday next at Hertford to take order for the levying of certain soldiers as pioneers, to be at London on the 20th inst.

Jan. 3. Woodhall. 6. Sir Philip Boteler to same. Has received his instructions for the levying of 100 soldiers and 25 pioneers in Hertford, to be sent to London by the 20th. Sir John Brokett has appointed Tuesday for them to meet at Hertford.

Jan. 7. 7, 8. Letters of deputation by Lord Burghley, nominating Sir Hen. Gray, Sir Tho. Mildemay, and Sir John Peter his Deputy Lieutenants for the county of Essex and town of Colchester; and, by indorsement, Sir John Brokett, Sir Henry Cock, and Sir Philip Boteler for Hertfordshire. [*Two copies.*]

Jan. 7. 9. Proportion for the rating of certain hundreds in Essex for the levying of 250 soldiers and 60 pioneers, to be delivered to such person as shall be appointed by Sir John Norreys for that purpose.

Jan. 7. 10. Note of such things as my Lord Lieutenant is to be moved in touching the present state of the county of Essex.

[Jan. 7 ?] 11. Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, to Mr. Walgrave. Requesting him to resume the command of the 50 lances, which he had formerly held, but which had been placed under the charge of Lord Rich by the late Earl of Leicester.

[Jan. 7 ?] 12. Same to three new Captains. That Sir John Peter having been appointed one of the Deputy Lieutenants had resigned the command of the 600 men under his charge. Appoints each of them to take the command of 200, and to signify the same to the Deputy Lieutenants of the county.

Jan. 7. London. 13. Examinations of William Yeomans and others taken before Wm. Fletewoode, Recorder of London, touching certain lewd speeches uttered by Robert Poley against Sec. Walsyngham. His endeavours to persuade Yeomans and his wife to Popery. Improper familiarity between Poley and Yeoman's wife.

[Jan. 7 ?] 14. Deposition by Richard Ede relative to the quarrels and disagreement between William Yeomans and his wife on account of the conduct of Robert Poley. Efforts of Ede and Henry Aldersey to effect a reconciliation. Final elopement of Mrs. Yeomans with R. Poley. Sworn before Mr. Recorder Fletewoode.

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Jan. 9. London. 15. Robert Beale to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has sought out the declaration about the matter of Newhaven, but he has not been able to attend on his honor on account of ill health. Two books had been brought over by the last mail of the life of Pope Pius V. containing an account of the rebellion in the North and the marriage of the Duke of Norfolk with the Queen of Scots. The King of Spain's sacrifice of his own son, and of the approval of that act by the Pope. The books were printed by the privilege of the Pope and dedicated to the French King.

Jan. 9. 16. Copy of the preceding.

Jan. 10. His house near the Savoy. 17. Lord Burghley to same. Requests him not to oppose the election of Mr. Wilkinson, M.A., to the Chancellorship of Salisbury.

Jan. 16. London. 18. Sir Fr. Drake to same. In behalf of the bearer, his cousin, Mr. Tooker.

Jan. 16. Richmond. 19. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to the order of Sir John Hawkyns such sums as shall be required for the wages, &c., of the ships in the Narrow Seas.

Jan. 16. 20. Specification of the cordage William Watsoun had to sell.

Jan. 17. 21. List of Dukedoms, Marquisates, and Earldoms remaining void; names of certain noblemen meet to be advanced; the names of such as are fit to be created barons. The title of Abergavenny to be tried between Lady Fane and Edward Nevill.

Jan. 20. 22. Notes of matters recommended to the Lord Treasurer by Sir John Norreys. His suit to have the full 300*l.* in the entail. Prolongation of his licence for 3,000 quarters of wheat. His company of horse to be taken into the Queen's pay, instead of that which was Sir Thomas Knollys'.

Jan. 21. Richmond. 23. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Desires him to defer the sending of the soldiers and pioneers to London till the 1st of February.

Jan. 21. Gloucester. 24. William Bassett and Wm. Veel to the Council. Particulars of the money assessed as well in the county of the city of Gloucester as of Tewkesbury, for the setting forth of a ship and pinnace to join Her Majesty's fleet.

Jan. 21. Oxford. 25. The Master and Scholars of Baliol College, Oxford, to Walsyngham. Desiring him to use his authority in maintaining the integrity and liberties of their charter. Latin.

Jan. 22. 26. Sir Horatio Palavicino to same. Submits the draft of a letter he intends to write to Signor De la Noue. At his coming to the city he would communicate to him the particulars concerning the prisoners.

Jan. 22. 27. Particulars of the Scot's intelligence that came from Lisbon about three weeks past. Naval preparations by Spain. Manufac-

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ture of great ordnance in Lisbon. Fear of a general invasion of the Isles of Madeira by Sir F. Drake. Only 28 of the late Spanish fleet returned.

Jan. 22. London. 28. Sir Wm. Wynter and Sir John Hawkyns to Burghley. Certifying the order they had taken with the merchants for providing cordage. Request some quantity may be provided with speed, as well for the ships to be set forth under Sir F. Drake, as for those now serving in the Narrow Seas.

Jan. 23. Arches Court. 29. Sir Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to the Council. That he had examined the complaint of the merchants of London and Totness against the unjust arrest and sale of their goods at Rouen, by order of the French King, at the suit of Peter Chambellain of Rouen. State of the cause.

Jan. 24. 30. Sir John Gilbert's certificate of the charge of the ships sent to sea for the supply of men to Her Majesty's Navy in July 1588: including the charge for guarding Don Pedro's ship in Torbay.

Jan. 24. 31. Note of the money to be paid for boats, anchors, cordage, and sails.

Jan. 24. 32. List of Noblemen deceased since the time of King Henry the VIII.: of those likely to be present and absent; of the bishoprics void, and of the Bishops likely to be absent. Probaby for the meeting of Parliament.

Jan. 24. 33. List of Lords and Noblemen on whom Her Majesty's proposes to confer new titles; headed, "A choice of such persons as Her "Majesty is pleased to nobilitate." The Lord Treasurer to be Earl of Northampton, the Lord Admiral Earl of Nottingham, &c.

Jan. 24. Modlicote. 34. John Bright to Daniel Rogers. Urges his suit in behalf of John Foxe and Fulke Gilbarte, Rogers's tenants. Suits of other tenants.

Jan. 25. 35. Geffray Le Brumen to Walsngham. Relative to a process made known to him by the bearer, Mons. Jovence, for the purifying of gold, supposed to be a secret of Mons. Le Vidame.

Jan. 25. Worcester. 36. Bishop Freke to the Queen. Soliciting permission to be absent from Parliament on account of his ill health. If the ways were without danger to travel by coach he would venture, but he cannot travel by horse for fear of bringing on a fit of the stone.

Jan. 25. 37. Deposition of Tho. Mortimor in the suit of George Organ against Robert, Richard, and Roger Walthen and others. Assault upon the messenger by John Davys.

Jan. 26. Melsam. 38. Earl of Pembroke to the Queen. His disappointment that the New Forest, for which Sir Walter Raleigh had made suit to Her Majesty on his behalf, had been conferred on Sir Chs. Blunt. Is grieved to find that his long and costly services could not

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shield him from the intolerable burden of heaviest disgrace. Desires that he may be excused from attending Parliament, as he could not appear without dishonour.

Jan. 26. Kinerton Grange. 39. Tho. Everall to Dan. Rogers. Apologizes for not keeping the day appointed. Hopes to see Mr. Rogers and his wife in the summer. Private affairs.

Jan. 27. 40. Particular note of the money disbursed by Sir F. Drake for providing arms, munition, and provisions for the intended service.

Jan. 27. Buckden. 41. Bishop Wickham to Walsyngham. For the gift of the benefice of Wadington in Lincolnshire to Edward Germin, professor of theology at Cambridge. Latin.

Jan. 27. 42. Sir Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. An occasion serves to do a small service to Aurelio l'Alessandris if Walsyngham will favor him. Is at a loss how to get some cloths from Ireland to London. Prays to have the charge of conducting some Venetian prisoners over from Ireland. Italian.

Jan. 30. 43. Certificate by Lord Burghley of the names of the persons rated for the loan in the county of Essex.

Jan. 30. 44. Device by the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex for the quartering of the troops in Essex.

Jan. 30. 45. Note of the money disbursed by Sir John Norreys for arms, munition, victuals, and other provisions for the journey.

Jan.? 46. Memorial by Sir John Norreys. Desires allowance for his two voyages into Flanders, and to have an imprest for this voyage Also for an order on Sir Henry Wallop for above 300*l.* for his last service in Ireland.

Jan. 47. Memorandum of the charges for the Navy in anno 1588.

Jan. 48. Articles exhibited by Christoper Baker for the better service of Her Majesty in the office of the Admiralty.

Jan. 49. Payments made out of the Exchequer upon the warrant of March 27, 1588, for the ships serving under Sir Fr. Drake.

Jan. 50. Additions to the new law that is to be made for punishment of soldiers, mariners, gunners, and pioneers who, after being pressed, depart without licence.

Jan. 51. A note of the money raised in Oxfordshire for the soldiers sent to Tilbury.

Jan. 52. Order of the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster on the information of John Popham, Esq., Attorney General, authorizing Tho. Phillips, Esq., of London, to proceed in the suit against John Freston for concealment of fines belonging to Her Majesty.

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Jan. ? 53. Petition of Richard Wright to the Council, praying that the report and certificate made by the persons appointed to hear the case between him and Wm. Page, Margery Cosbie, and others, may be enforced. *Annexes,*

53. I. *Report and certificate of Wm. Whytney, Thomas Parker, and Humphrey Ashefield on the matters in controversy between Richard Wright and William Page, Margery Cosbie, and others, in virtue of the Council's letters of the 3rd of December last.*

Jan. ? 54. Directions for Capt. Whorwood to sail to the coast of Spain to procure information of the preparation of shipping for the wars in any Spanish ports. To repair to Ferrol and the Groyne, and from thence to Cape Finisterre, and if nothing is discovered to go from Finisterre to the Berlings and ply between the Berlings and the Rock (of Lisbon); sending home such intelligence as he may gain.

Feb. 2. 55. A note of the shipping entertained for the intended service under Sir John Norreys and Sir Francis Drake, with an estimate of their tonnage and the names of such captains as are appointed for them, with the full number of mariners for every of them.

Feb. 2. 56. Survey of all the ships in the River Thames for Sir Fr. Drake, in all 49 sail, of the which only 11 are entertained for the present service.

[Feb. 2 ?] 57. The names of the ships in the Streights, in Barbary, at Middleborough and other places, belonging to private merchants.

Feb. 2. 58. Questions proposed by the Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Essex to Lord Burghley, relative to the raising of the loan, and levies of soldiers. Names of persons fittest to receive Sir John Petre's charge.

Feb. 4. 59. Order of procession of Queen Elizabeth to the Cathedral Church at Westminster, for opening the Parliament. Details of the whole ceremonial. Delivery of the sceptre to the Queen at the north door of the Cathedral; the sermon; proceeding to the south door where the Dean receives again the sceptre from the Queen. The Queen alone to ride, and all others to go on foot to the Parliament House.

Feb. 5. 60. Grant to Sir Henry Lee and Owen Cooke of the office of Constable of Harleigh Castle, co. Merioneth, for their lives, in as ample form and manner as heretofore held by Peter Stanley, Sir Francis Bryan, or Sir Anthony Strilley. Latin. Indorsed, "*Robt. Evans, yeoman of Her Ma^s^. Chamb. revers.*"

Feb. 6. 61. Estimate of the charge of the provisions appointed to be made by Sir Fr. Drake for the intended service, and of the money already paid; to be examined by Sir Wm. Wynter and other officers of the Admiralty.

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Feb. 7. 62. The answer of Sir Wm. Wynter, Sir John Hawkyns, and Wm. Borough, Officers of the Admiralty, to the above estimate.

Feb. 7. 63. Account of debts owing in the Office of the Admiralty from the year 1587, showing the payment made, and the remain yet to be answered.

[Feb. 7 ?] 64. Note of money due for naval stores, for 1587 and 1588.

Feb. 7. 65. Note of such sums of money as Sir John Norreys reporteth to have disbursed for arms, &c., for the expedition; taken the 5th of February.

Feb. 8. 66. Memorial by Burghley of the money received by Norreys and Drake for the expedition against Portugal.

Feb. 8. 67. Thomas Wylkes to the Countess of Lincoln. She is acquainted with the unhappy misconceit the late Earl of Leicester has had against him, and Her Majesty, notwithstanding his long and faithful service of 17 years, still continues her displeasure, only for having offended the Earl. Implores her to speak in his favor to Her Majesty.

Feb. 8. The Arches. 68. Sir Jul. Cæsar to Walsyngham. Recommends that the goods belonging to the Merchants of Rouen, stayed at Plymouth, should be delivered to Persevall Hassall of London.

Feb. 9. 69. Petition of Albert Reynerson, master of the ship Angel Gabriel, to the Council; complaining of the seizure of his ship and goods by direction of Jacob Wittins, captain of the Roebuck, set forth by Sir Walter Raleigh. Solicits to be satisfied and paid for his goods, and to proceed on his voyage. *Incloses,*

69. I. *Note of the goods laden at Cadiz in the Angel Gabriel, Albert Reynerson master.*

Feb. 10 ? 70. Anthony Bridgeman (of Michell Deane, in the county of Gloucester) to Walsyngham. Complains that the New Year's gift he had sent to the Queen, on the 5th of last January, had not been delivered. Sends copy of a bill he intends to introduce in Parliament on Wednesday next. *Incloses,*

70. I. *A. Bridgeman to the Queen, his most great mistress, the perfect fruition of all grace and happiness. Sends her a New Year's gift of* 13 *branches to the dozen, to be planted in this garden of England. The first, a restraint of profaning the Sabbath Day, especially with minstrelsy, baiting of bears and other beasts, and such like. Specifies* 12 *other great reforms.*

70. II. *Project of a bill in Parliament to suppress and dissolve all collegiate and cathedral churches now remaining in England.*

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Feb. 13. 71. Sir John Hawkyns and Wm. Holstok [to Lord Burghley]. Require payment of 2,000*l.* towards the expense of repairing four ships in the dry docks at Woolwich and Deptford.

Feb. 13. 72. Same to same. Statement of charges required for the ships set forth by Norreys and Drake. Sea stores for the ships in the Narrow Seas have been taken up upon credit since August.

Feb. 13. 73. Hawkyns to same. That nearly all the stores remaining in certain ships had been taken to Her Majesty's use. Desires payment of the balance due on the warrant of 27 March 1588.

Feb. 13? 74. Note of the remain of munition and powder in the Queen's ships, the ships which served westward under Sir Fr. Drake, the Londoners, and others. Five fire-ships burnt with all their furniture.

Feb. 14. 75. John Sheref (from the Fleet) to Lord Burghley. Finds nothing in the answer of Mr. Harvy to disprove his book against the late Jaques Wingfylde. Craves his pitiful consideration of his suit for the two poor men, John Kynge and John Colgon, who had been fined 20*l.* each.

Feb. 16. 76. Petition of William Crowmer to the Council. For payment of 88*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* for the entertainment of 50 light-horsemen, of whom he he had charge in the camp in Kent. *Incloses,*

76. I. *Certificate of Tho. Davies, deputy muster master, that the sum of* 88*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* *was owing to Capt. Crowmer.*

76. II. *Certificate of Sir Moyle Finch, treasurer at wars, that the sum of* 88*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* *had not been paid to Capt. Crowmer.*

Feb. 16. Maiden Lane in London. 77. Stephen Powle to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his kindness in sending him the 20*l.*, which he never could have expected. Desires him to procure for him a passport to travel abroad, as he had no means of supporting himself in England. His services in Italy, where he discovered the plot to take away Her Majesty's life by poisoned perfumes, for which purpose Geraldi, a Bergamasco, was employed by the Pope.

Feb 16. The Court. 78. Wm. Waad to Walsyngham. Begs him to return the intercepted letter he left at his house.

Feb. 16. 79. Note of supplies required for the expenditure of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake; the ships can carry but 12,000 men, and 3,000 remain unprovided of victuals and arms.

Feb. 18. Saperton. 80. Caru Rauleigh, Henry Poole, Anne Poole, George Wroughton, and Ja. Wroughton to Walsyngham. Deny that Sir Henry Knyvet at his own table had spoken any words derogatory to his Honor, as reported by Mr. Moodie.

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Feb. 18. The Court. 81. John Wolley, (Latin secretary,) to Walsyngham. The Queen desires that he would write to Mr. Ashby, the ambassador in Scotland, to move the King to hasten the departure out of his kingdom of the 500 Spaniards now remaining there.

Feb. 19. Blickling. 82. Sir Edw. Clere, Sir Ro. Southwell, and Sir John Peyton to the Council. Have taken order for restoration of the Scottish goods lost by shipwreck at Runton, near Cromer, in Norfolk. Their proceedings against Roger Wyndham and his servants implicated in the spoil of the Scots.

Feb. 20. 83. Petition of Albert Reynerson to the Council. That he may receive compensation for his ship named the Angel Gabriel, taken on its passage from Cadiz by a ship of Sir William Rawleigh's, called the Roebuck, and plundered of goods to a large amount.

Feb. 20. Westminster. 84. Privy seal addressed to Thomas Lawley, of Shropshire, for the loan of 25*l.* to the Queen for defence of the realm against the Spaniards; with receipt of E. Leighton for the said sum to Her Majesty's use. *Annexed,*

84. 1. *Power of attorney from Tho. Lawley, of Sponehill, Salop, to his brother Robert Lawley, to receive the said sum of 25l. May* 1, 1590.

Feb. 21. Fleet. 85. John Shereff to Lord Burghley. In behalf of John Kinge and John Colgon, whose submission to his lordship, he transmits. *Incloses,*

85. 1. *Submission of John Kinge and John Colgon to Burghley; having been convicted of perjury and sentenced to the pillory and a fine of 20l. each. February* 18.

Feb. 22. 86. Requests made by the Aldermen of the Stillyard to the Council. That all merchandise not prohibited by Her Majesty might be permitted to pass, and all prohibited wares to be returned to Hamborough.

Feb. 22. 87. ——— to Lord Burghley. Entreats his favor to Her Majesty to be excused from taking the command of the expedition against Portugal, on the solicitation of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. His long service in the Low Countries, and his disgrace following had so exhausted his revenues that he could not undertake the charge of the voyage upon his own purse. His bodily infirmities also render him unmeet to be employed in such an action. [*The writer's name does not appear. Some circumstances appear to point out Lord Willoughby, but Lord Burghley's diary states that Willoughby did not arrive in London from the Low Countries till the 14th of March.*]

[Feb. 23.] 88. Commission by the Queen appointing Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake to take the command of the expedition against Spain, to make choice of officers and captains to serve in the same, to raise subscriptions, take up ships, to execute martial law, &c.

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Feb. 23. 89. Instructions to Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake appointed to have the chief charge of the army that is to go upon the coast of Spain: consisting of two purposes, the one to distress the King of Spain's ships, the other to get possession of some of the islands of the Azores, to intercept the treasure passing to and from the East and West Indies. To assist King Don Antonio to recover the kingdom of Portugal, if it shall be found the public voice in that kingdom shall be favorable to him. Secret appointment of successors in case of any casualty to Norreys or Drake.

Feb. 23. 90. Private appointment of Sir Roger Williams and Thomas Fenner to succeed Sir J. Norreys or Sir F. Drake in command in case of accident happening to either.

[Feb. 23.] 91. The Queen to Norreys and Drake. Authority to issue warrants to the adventurers for their several shares and proportions in the enterprise; and in case the expedition should be stayed by Her Majesty's orders, she would pay the whole expense.

Feb. 24. Mayden Lane. 92. Stephen Powle to Lord Burghley. Requests a passport as he had an opportunity of passing to Hamborough. Mr. Secretary sent for him and offered him the office of the Clerk of the Council, but at the same time recommended him, till the office should become vacant, to spend his time at the court of some German Protestant Prince.

Feb. 93. Tho. Cassie to Tho. Phelippes. Is sorry to find he has offended him and desires not to be condemned unheard, as he had done nothing of which he feared the discovery. Although he has served him above five years he has never received a sixpence above his wages, except only in Shellie's suit.

Feb. 94. Lists of noblemen, now living, that had their baronies by inheritance from women; also of noblemen, being barons, that have their baronies and their titles by their ancestresses.

Feb. 95. A note of all "Salmons of the Maze" served in to Her Majesty's house by William Haines, the purveyor, from December 1587 to February 1589, with the prices of the same.

Feb.? 96. Note of money due to Sir John Hawkyns for the service of his ship, the Repentance, for the journey to the southward under Sir Martin Frobisher.

Feb.? 97. Names of the Generals and others appointed to serve in the expedition under Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. The names of those to have the command of regiments, and of those for relief of Berghem op Zoom. The names of the captains and their companies to be shipped at London, Southampton, and Plymouth.

Feb. 98. Note of the shipping entertained for the intended service, with an estimate of their tonnage, and the names of the captains that are appointed for them and of the number of men in each ship.

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Feb. 99. Note of the King of Portugal's (Don Antonio) promise for the reimbursing of the adventurers, and paying of the soldiers that shall serve in the enterprize under Norreys and Drake.

Feb.? 100. An Act for payment of the duties of subsidy and alnage for divers woollen commodities.

Feb.? 101. An Act for reformation of the falsity of regrators of woollen yarn, commonly called jobbers of yarn or yarn choppers.

Feb.? 102. Reasons for the continuance of the statute of tonnage granted for Dover Haven.

Feb.? 103. Matters to be specially considered of touching the Queen's prerogative within the jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Court of Wards and Liveries. A remembrance from Mr. Auditor of the Court of Wards.

Feb.? 104. A paper of private memoranda. Indorsed "*Found in "Hales' house by Mr. Mallorie.*"

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March 4. Maiden Lane. 1. Stephen Powle to Lord Burghley. Has received much comfort from his fatherly speeches, which have settled his uncertain thoughts and quieted him. Solicits either a pension by which he might be able to live in his own country, or else a passport to go to Hamborough and from thence into one of the Protestant Cantons of Switzerland, there to spend the remainder of his wretched days.

March 5. 2. Note of the number of chests of sugar brought in by the Barbary merchants.

March 6. At the Court. 3. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Sends the two messengers to him to receive instructions for conveying the Scotchman to Berwick. Recommends him to examine the Scotchman before his departure. Sir Tho. Baskervile came last night with a poor Fleming, who had brought over two letters in Flemish, which he wished translated.

March 7. 4. Petition of Tho. Cordell, of London, merchant, to Lord Burghley. For payment of the tonnage of the Merchant Riall and the Edward Bonaventure, which had served westward under Drake.

March 7. 5. Petition of John Sparke, of Plymouth, to Lord Burghley. Desires to be paid for the tonnage of the ship named the Sparke of Plymouth.

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March 7. 6. Report to Lord Burghley, by the Clerk of the Honor and Castle of Windsor, of the state of Windsor Castle, and of the repairs necessary to be done there.

March 8. The Minories. 7. Certificate by Sir Robert Constable of the purchase of 12 minions of cast-iron by James Holmes, for the furnishing of two ships, whereof he is part owner.

March 9. 8. Petition of John Chamberleyn to the Council. In behalf of Richard Owen, of Godstone, a recusant, that he may have licence to return home, his wife being extremely sick, for which he offers to give good assurance not to depart above three miles from his house without licence.

March 10. 9. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Her Majesty is well disposed to send some special messenger to the King of Scotts. He had named Sir Henry Cobham and she Mr. Dyer, and wishes to have Walsyngham's opinion. She persisteth in reprehension of the King, for his childishness, folly, and cowardliness.

March 10. 10. William Hannyngton to Lord Burghley. Repairs necessary at Her Majesty's house, called the Maison Dieu, in Dover. Estimate of the money required for that purpose. Requests payment for sums already laid out by him.

March 12. Cambridge. 11. Geo. Cranmer to Francis Davison. In commendation of the philosophy of Aristotle. Flatters him for his learning. Latin.

March 18. 12. Brief note of the receipts and payments of Sir Robert Constable, Lieutenant General of the Ordnance, from the 1st of July 1588 to the 13th of March following.

March 13. 13. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Mr. Sec. Wolley. In behalf of Mr. John Talbott, of Grafton, that he may have licence to remain in Shropshire for three months longer, on account of the extreme sickness of his wife.

March [13]. 14. Reasons against the bill now exhibited in the Lower House of Parliament against pluralities of benefices. Inconveniencies to the state of the Church; hinderance of learning and the Universities; hinderance of religion, prejudicial to Her Majesty's authority and state, and prejudicial to the nobility and gentry.

March 13. 15. Reasons presented to the Queen by the Clergy against the Bill of Pluralities. That by pretence of maintenance and increase of a learned ministry, learning would decay, their living spoiled, and the Church brought to confusion and barbarism.

March 14. 16. Bill for maintenance of the Free Grammar School of Tunbridge, erected and established there by Sir Andrew Judd, deceased, of which the masters, guardians, &c., of the Skinners' Company of London were the governors.

March 15. 17. Lord Burghley to the Speaker (Jonas Snagge). Sends him a note of the present state of all the bills in Parliament, and prays he will consider of it.

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March 15. 18. An Act for writs of proclamations and exigents to be current within the county palatine of Durham.

March 15. 19. Specification and estimate of the charge for the mason's work for the wall of the citadel at Portsmouth.

March 16. 20. Petition of Henry Alington to the Council. Requests their letters to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London, that the time allowed to him in their lordships' former letters, for the satisfying of his creditors, may be extended for six months longer.

March 18. London. 21. Edmund Yorke to Walsyngham. Has sent to him the draught of a scheme to reduce the city of London into an order of discipline. Desires permission to enter the service of the French King. Is most desirous to enter in Walsyngham's service.

March 18. Lambeth. 22. Archbishop Whitgyfte to Mr. Wolley. Sends him his opinion for the enlarging of the Recusants.

March 20. Westminster 23. Sir Francis Knollys to Walsyngham. Is of opinion the Archbishop and Bishops take a dangerous course against Her Majesty's supreme government, by laying claim to a superiority of government "Jure Divino." That claim manifestly appears in Archbp. Whitgyfte's book against Cartwright.

March 20. Plymouth. 24. Sir F. Drake to same. They had stayed many flyboats with pitch and masts, having passports from the Duke of Parma. Are staying at Plymouth for their munition out of the Low Countries. All their shipping had come together, except four from Bristol.

March 22. 25. Abstract of Letters Patent, relative to certain lands and messuages in the city of London, passed for Mr. Adams.

March 23. 26. Petition of John Johnson and Ephraim Arnold to the Council. For licence to cast and found 120 tons of iron ordnance, to enable them to complete their contract with the London merchants.

March 24. 27. Thomas Windebank to Walsyngham. To prepare letters of credit for Her Majesty's signature, to be delivered to Mr. Caron. To procure from the Lord Treasurer the writings of Mr. Bodley's proceedings.

March 25. 28. Same to same. Reasons that moved Her Majesty to make light of the matter of Friseland, and she would not be persuaded to write any letters of credit for Mons. Caron. She wished Mr. Percival to declare to Walsyngham what he had to say, or to put it in writing. Windebank had his audience immediately after Sir John Perrot had left Her Majesty; what had passed he knows not, but he found her out of tune.

March 25. Greenwich. 29. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Thos. Phelippes. Sends to him a letter from Lilly, for a passage in cypher to be deciphered.

March 26. 30. Book of the charges laid out by the inhabitants of Dover towards the victualling of the soldiers and ships since the departure of General Norreys from thence to Plymouth: allowed by Sir James

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Hales, treasurer of that army, and Mr. Ralph Lane, the muster-master general.

March 27. Westminster. 31. Lord Burghley to Dr. Tho. Nevill, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. Has been grieved to hear that Mr. Bainbridge and Mr. Johnson, fellows of Christ College, in their sermons had condemned the form of government used in the Church, and inveighed against the statutes of the University. Approves of the proceedings against them, but thinks they should have been deprived of their fellowships. *Subjoined,*

31. I. *Articles charged against Mr. Bainbridge and Mr. Johnson, from the sermons preached by them in January last.*

March 27. 32. Sir Horatio Palavicino to Walsyngham. Has signed the capitulation drawn up according to that of the Lord Treasurer; the sum of 500 crowns was drawn on Don Rodrigo di Mendoza. Italian.

March 27. 33. Lord Burghley to the Lord [Chancellor?]. Has perused his intended speech for the last day of Parliament, and wholly approves of it. His facility in utterance and perfection in knowledge will make the speech both plausible and perfect. Is not well able to use his hand or any member, "for his grief in his holly bone."

March 29. 34. Proceedings in Parliament, relative to the issuing of a Proclamation of War against Spain, for which an extraordinary and most liberal supply had been granted to Her Majesty for the necessary defence of her state and kingdom.

March 31. 35. List of Knights, Captains, and Officers, which have commanded, and are able to command, now here unemployed; either in the Low Countries, Ireland, the frontiers of England, or the expedition for Portugal.

March 31. 36. Sir Martin Calthorp, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. Informs them that he hopes to have 400 able and sufficient men in readiness upon Wednesday next.

March 31. Polesworth. 37. Sir Henry Goodere to Walsynham. Had, with his colleagues, used all possible diligence in raising the loan in the county of Warwick and city of Coventry. The Earl of Warwick had however caused the privy seals to be delivered by his lieutenants, and had altered the persons named in their certificate; by which course of proceeding their credit in the county had been greatly impaired. Mr. Clement Fisher desires to be excused from contributing.

March. 38. Sir John Conway to Sir John Paulet. Statement of his dealings with Anthony Bowrne, who had conveyed to him the interest and profit of certain lands and the education of both his daughters and heirs. Family dissensions.

March. 39. Conditions required by Thomas Randolph, William Lambard, and Thomas Flood, overseers of the will of John Somers, deceased, to be performed before the marriage of Mrs. Culpeper, late wife of the said Somers.

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March. 40. List of the ships that served westward, showing the amount of tonnage, the charges, the sums paid, and the remain unpaid. Signed by Sir John Hawkyns, Wm. Holstock, and W. Borough.

March? 41. Questions to be demanded of Henry Carew, of Ham, co. Dorset, whose eldest son is fled beyond the seas, relative to his dealings with one Tytoe, master of a ship, who was backward in the fight against the Spaniards, and was displaced at the instant of fight, by Geo. Trenchard, the captain.

March? 42. Note of victuals and munition supplied by the town of Southampton to the Lord Admiral when in pursuit of the Spanish fleet; and the charge of the said town for diet of soldiers to go with Sir J. Norreys and Sir F. Drake.

March? 43. Petition of the Innholders and Victuallers of the city of Canterbury to the Council. Desiring payment of 364*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* owing to them for victualling the soldiers for the expedition under Sir J. Norreys and Sir F. Drake.

March? 44. Note of the money due in the east and west part of the county of Kent, for victualling and lodging the soldiers sent into Portugal.

March? 45. Note of the money due to the City of Winchester for victualling of the soldiers in the county of Southampton, for the expedition to Portugal.

March? 46. Petition of Capt. Tho. Moffett to [Walsyngham?]. Details the course of his long services to Her Majesty, King Edward VI., and Queen Mary, in many countries. The empty hawk stoopeth not to the bare fist; and therefore he requests he may have licence to export 400 tons of beer.

March? 47. Articles against Mary Greene of Wickham, Oxford, and Jane Petherton, her servant, and also against John Danvers and his wife, and others for recusancy. Danvers and his household at Christmas time came not to church, but indulged "in dauncing or "some other like pastime." Assault by the Danvers family on Thomas Brasbridge, their minister. Anne Haile held the said minister by the gown while Anne Danvers did buffet him very sore about the face and head.

March? 48. Note of all the wool remaining in the hands of William Veale, and of such as he has received since the commencement of the year.

March? 49. Award and final agreement in the controversies between Walter Lambert and Thomas Moore, both of Southampton, for matters of debt and a claim for a bargain of salt; all conditions to be settled by the 1st of May next. [*On the 9th of Dec.* 1588, *the controversies between Lambert and Moore were referred by the Council to four gentlemen to be finally settled. Co. Reg.*]

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March? 50. A project, by God's assistance, to sack the city of Lisbon; the army now prepared, to sail directly; two ships to be set on fire before the castle of St. Gillians, and in the smoke the whole fleet to enter.

March? 51. Considerations touching the English trade to Russia by way of St. Nicholas. Danger likely to ensue if Denmark could interrupt that trade.

March? 52. A discourse touching Russia and Persia and how they may be traded; experienced men to be sent out to establish trade and learn the manufacture of saltpetre, Turkey sword blades, plates for armour, and Turkey carpets, in Persia. The great end is to attempt, in the summer of this year, 1589, a discovery of the great river of Obb, and a passage by sea by the north-east of St. Nicholas into Asia. Information given by Arthur Edwards. Suggestion for a well-qualified gentleman to be sent as ambassador to Persia.

March? 53. "Certain notes of consideration to be had for Persia, tending "to divers good purposes." The same in substance as the preceding. The ambassador to be sent to be a learned man, bred up in court, and of courtly behaviour, to deal both with the Muscovite and the Sophy of Persia.

March? 54. Memoranda of some person going abroad; probably a spy. Roger Johnson, a priest, prisoner in the Clink. Letter to Charles Paget from his niece Mrs. Gerotte. Letter to Father Crichton, a jesuit, lately gone from Scotland to Flanders.

April 1. 55. The List of the Principal Officers of the Navy, in the expedition to Portugal, under the command of Sir John Norreys and Sir F. Drake. Their division into squadrons, with the names of the captains in each squadron.

April 1. 56. Note of money disbursed by Sir F. Drake and others by his order, for the intended service against Spain; amounting to 51,188*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* Names of the adventurers in the voyage and the sums subscribed by each; the Queen 15,800*l.*, the Lord Chancellor 1,000*l.*, &c.

April 1. 57. Articles agreed upon between Sir John Norreys and Sir Francis Drake, generals of Her Majesty's army, and the master of the Dutch ship, to serve for three months from the 15th of March last past. French.

April 2. London. 58. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Sends a note of the pay due to the men serving in the fleet in the Narrow Seas for three months, amounting to 1,458*l.* 10*s.* Charge for repair of the four ships in the docks at Deptford and Woolwich. Debts in the office of the Navy.

April 3. Plymouth. 59. Norreys and Drake to the Council. The army has been detained at Plymouth above 15 days. Since the taking of the fly-boats their army has been increased almost double. They had been

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obliged to sustain the army out of the bulk of the sea store, on account of their long detention. The stores will last till the 10th of May. Desire that the country may be satisfied, and that they may be furnished with a new supply of provisions.

April 3? 60. Sir F. Drake to Walsyngham (?) State of the army; their vietuals will serve for somewhat more than a month. Hopes to get relief in Spain, but 20,000 persons are not satisfied with small means. Never was army in better order than this, and he trusts in God, whose mercy is as great as Himself. God bless us, and give us grace to live in His fear.

April 3. Plymouth. 61. A. Ashley to Lord Burghley. Has been grieved with an extreme severe fever, whereby he has failed in acknowledging his lordship's favors. Hopes that Her Majesty will take some speedy order that the success of the enterprise may not be frustrated.

April 5. Plymouth. 62. Norreys and Drake to Mr. Humfrey Founes, Mayor of Plymouth, William Hawkins, and Christopher Broken. Directing them to provide a certain proportion of victuals, and to send it after them with all speed.

April 5. London. 63. Sir John Hawkyns to Henry Maynard, secretary to Lord Burghley. Is very sorry to hear of Lord Burghley's late loss (the death of Lady Burghley), and the hindrance it would be to his health Requests Mr. Maynard to take some convenient opportunity to remind him of his letter for payment of the ships in the Narrow Seas, and for the ships in the docks. The creditors importune him daily.

April 6. Plymouth. 64. Norreys and Drake to the Council. It has pleased God this day to send the wind good, so that now they are ready to sail. Intelligence of the arrival of 200 sail of ships at the Groyne and other ports, laden with munition, cables, and other naval stores, and therefore they have resolved to attempt the destroying of the shipping on the coasts of Galicia and Portugal. Desire a supply of provisions may be sent after them. Have made delivery of the argosy, although no doubt she was bound for Lisbon. *Inclosing,*

64. 1. *Note of money disbursed by Sir John Norreys from the 11th of October* 1588 *until the 6th of April* 1589, *in fitting out the fleet for the expedition against Spain.*

April 6. 65. Lord Burghley to the Sheriff of Dorsetshire and the Mayor and Officers of Poole. Warrant to arrest and keep in safe custody 2,200 weight of cochineal brought into their town by Peter Begleman, who had been convicted of dealing with pirates; the sums forfeited by him to be paid into the Exchequer to the account of Mr. Ralph Lane.

April 6. 66. Examination of Richard Gest, of Chester. Details his services under several masters. Was with Mr. Anthony Bacon two years, unto whom he wrote a great volume of matters of importance. His

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entry into service for the last action of Portugal, and betrayal to the enemy. His travels and sufferings in Spain and Bortugal. Immense fear throughout the country of the coming of Sir Francis Drake. Great preparations to resist him. His final escape and return to England.

April 6. 67. Petition of Walter Wykes to Lord Chancellor Hatton, showing how he had been horribly used by one Wm. Darke and his associates, and defrauded of his house, called the High Lodge of Eastwood, and other possessions. Desires him to undertate the hearing of his suit, or else to commit it to Dr. Cæsar, Dr. Swale, Dr. Stanhope, and others.

April 7. Plymouth. 68. Norreys and Drake to the Council. Understand by their letters sent by Sir Fr. Knollys that the Earl of Essex had departed from Court without Her Majesty's licence; and knowing that the Swiftsure had put to sea that night, they sent a pinnace to inquire if the Earl was on board her, and to recall him. The Earl of Huntingdon has since arrived, by whom they know further of Her Majesty's pleasure. Deny all knowledge of the Earl's intention to join their expedition.

April 8. Plymouth. 69. Marmaduke Darell to Burghley. State of the army for provisions. The adverse wind has been the only cause of the delay of the fleet, which was victualled but for one month. The Generals have given order for a new supply to be provided and sent after them. *Incloses,*

69. I. *Proportion of victuals to be provided at Plymouth and sent after the fleet.*

69. II. *Proportion of victuals to be provided and sent after the fleet, with an estimate of the charges for the same.*

April 8. Plymouth. 70. Drake to Burghley. He had never written with so discontented a mind as now. It has pleased God to stay the forces in harbour by contrary winds, so that they were in danger of exhausting their provisions. The loss and dishonour which would fall on Her Majesty and the adventurers if the expedition should fail. Desires that orders may be sent to raise a present supply from the adjoining country.

April 8. Plymouth. 71. Norreys to same. Desires that a present and undelayed order may be given for a new supply of provisions. They know not what they can do with the army if the expedition should fail; for then every man would call for pay from Her Majesty, being levied under her commission.

April 8. Plymouth. 72. Norreys and Drake to the Council. Had left the harbour, but the wind chopt suddenly round, so they were obliged to put back. Desire that order may be given to Mr. Darell to continue the supply for the army while they remain wind bound.

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April 8. Plymouth. 73. Norreys to Walsyngham. Their detention by contrary winds. Desires him to second their request to Her Majesty for the victualling of the army so long as they remain wind bound. If the men should be discharged without pay, infinite spoils would be committed upon the country, and the arms and furniture lost.

April 8. 74. List of the principal Officers of the Army, with a brief note how many companies there are, and the number of ships. Signed by Norreys and Drake.

April 8. 75. List of the principal Officers of the Navy, with their appointments, captains of the squadrons, &c. The total number of men in the fleet, of all sorts, amounts to 23,375. Signed as above. [*This and the preceding document are clearly, but erroneously, indorsed by Lord Burghley* "8 *April* 1588."]

April 9. 76. List of the Ships and Captains serving in the fleet under Norreys and Drake, divided into five several squadrons.

April 9. 77. Attorney General Popham to Walsyngham. Has received from Lord Burghley "the copy of the most wicked bull set forth "by Pope Sextus Quintus against Her Majesty," which is most necessary to be used in evidence against the Earl of Arundel. Points out the manner in which it may be made evidence by Walsyngham's acknowledgment of its receipt. Her Majesty is resolved the matter should proceed on Monday next, and had already given order to have the scaffolds made ready.

April 9. 78. Copy of the preceding. [*In this copy the word scaffold is in the singular, in the original it is* skaffoldes, *in the plural number; making a most material difference in the signification of the passage: the one implying a scaffold for execution, the other merely the fittings up for the trial.*]

April 9. Plymouth. 79. The petition of the Master and Sailors of the Dutch ships detained at Plymouth to the Generals of the Army. Are all resolved not to go in the expedition to Portugal, their ships not being furnished for so long a voyage. Attested by A. Ashley.

April 10. 80. Petition of John Copine, of Islington, to Lord Burghley and the Council, against the unjust proceedings of John Hariot and Tho. Tillor, by whom he had been kept a long time in prison, and violently assaulted. Desires that his cause may be heard by Sir Owyn Hopton and others.

April 10. 81. Memoranda by Lord Burghley, for putting the country in a state of defence. Former orders to all lieutenants of counties to be renewed. Musters to be held in Whitsun week.

April 11. Chester. 82. Wm. Hammett, Mayor, and others, of Chester, to Walsyngham. Particulars of their dispute with Peter Newall, touching the procuring a licence for transportation of calf skins, which he had obtained for himself personally, and not for the benefit of the corporation, by whom he was authorized.

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April 11. 83. Examination of Ralph Pallmer, of Dorchester, taken before George Trenchard and John Williams, touching certain slanderous speeches uttered in Dorchester by Phillip Morse, servant of Sir Tho. Kittson, in disgrace of Mr. Oliver Pigg, preacher.

April 14. Plymouth. 84. Norreys to Burghley. The weather has continued unusually stormy, and the wind continued contrary. If they are not relieved by Her Majesty, the expedition must be broken up; and the army cannot be dismissed without pay.

April 14. 85. Arraignment of Philip Earl of Arundel on charges of high treason; with the names of the Barons upon whose honor the Earl was tried. List of the jury, &c., the indictment, and substance of the evidence against him.

April 14. 86. Another, but very ill-written account of the trial of the Earl of Arundell.

April 14. 87. Petition of the Masters and Owners of the Dutch ships detained at Plymouth to Sir John Norris and Sir Fr. Drake, praying not to be compelled to join in the expedition, as their ships were unprovided with victuals and other things necessary for such a voyage. That they considered it a violation of the treaty between Her Majesty and the States that they should be detained, and prevented from following their intended voyage. [*This petition was drawn by Lemon, and exhibited according to his direction. Attested by A. Ashley.*]

April 14. Plymouth. 88. Examinations of Lemon, Palmer, Pulford, and Harter, relative to the petitions of the masters of the Dutch ships, to Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. Attested by A. Ashley.

April 17? 89. A note what Her Majesty may save by altering the ordinary proportions in supplying the present army for Portugal with one month's victuals.

April 17. 90. Estimate for victualling the army at Plymouth, and of the charges for one month's victuals to be sent after them.

April 18. 91. The Council to the Mayor of Plymouth, Wm. Hawkyns, and Marmaduke Darell. Directions for victualling the fleet at Plymouth for one month longer. For that purpose, the collectors of the loan in Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset have been ordered to deliver to them such sums as they had collected.

April 18. 92. The same to Sir Fr. Godolphin, Geo. Carey, of Cockington, and Sir John Clifton, of Somerset, to transmit certain sums of their collections of the loan to the Mayor of Plymouth, Wm. Hawkins, and Mr. Darell, for a supply of victuals for the fleet now at sea.

April 18. London. 93. Ald. Hugh Offley, Sir Ri. Saltonstall, Tho. Aldarsey, and Tho. Bramley, commissioners in the matter between the city of Chester and the "Mere Merchants," to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Having heard the allegations and answers of the parties, they came

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to the conclusion that the Mere Merchants, to whom only the licence for calf-skins is granted, might be allowed to exercise the retail trade, and the retailers might deal as merchants when convenient to them.

April 19. 94. Warrant to Barnaby Beste for taking up carts and horses for the carriage of 10,000*l.* to Plymouth; with a sufficient guard of able men from place to place.

April 19. On board the Revenge. 95. Sir Fr. Drake to Lord Burghley. Captain Crosse will be the fittest man to be intrusted with the conveyance of provisions, as he would know where to find them on the coast of Spain. The matter of the Earl of Essex has been a great trouble to them, and they have as yet been unable to discover him.

April 21. 96. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. The Queen thinks of sending a letter to the town of Dort, and desires to know his opinion, whether Lord Buckhurst or Sir Thos. Willford would manage the business best in the Low Countries. It is not yet resolved who shall be Chancellor of the Order of the Garter. Mr. Fortescue never said he would refuse it, but that he would not be against Mr. Wolley. Her Majesty defers the pardon of the two Crofts.

April 22. 97. Same to same. Her Majesty read his letters herself, and made choice of Lord Buckhurst for the Low Counties, but the letters remained yet unsigned. She wishes Walsyngham to send certain letters from Mr. Bodley, "wherein he mentioneth the abridgment by "the States General of the authority of the Council of State." Mr. Wolley is now Chancellor of the Garter, and my Lord of Huntingdon Lieutenant for these days of ceremonies.

April 24. 98. Lord Burghley to same. The Lord Admiral brought to him a letter from Francis God[olphin], proposing to send powder to Boulogne. Captain Meriweather had taken four or five ships, laden with provisions for Lisbon, and in one of them a kinsman of Gourdon's. The Dutch captain, with the Walloons, have been sent to Boulogne, with promise of entertainment from Her Majesty for one month. Wishes Walsyngham more health than he can have.

April 25. Deptford. 99. Sir John Hawkyns to Burghley. Desires him to take order for payment of the money still remaining due. A new warrant is required for the ships now building.

Agril 25. Plymouth. 100. Humphrey Founes, Mayor of Plymouth, and Wm. Hawkyns to Burghley. Their proceedings in the provision of victuals. Provisions are at great prices, and they cannot procure the full proportion of one month's supply for the sum stated. Solicit him to send to Sir John Hawkyns at Deptford the sum of 4,000*l.*, to satisfy their debts already incurred. *Inclosing,*

100. 1. *Note of the prices of certain kinds of provisions at Plymouth.*

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April 26. 101. Acknowledgment by H. Founes, Mayor of Plymouth, Wm. Hawkyns, and Wm. Moys, of having received the sum of 6,000*l.* by the hands of Barnabie Bestoe.

April 26. Plymouth. 102. Wm. Moys, deputy to Mr. Darell, to Lord Burghley. Mr. Darell being absent, who left on the 18th inst. with the fleet, he had joined with the Mayor and Mr. Hawkyns and received the treasure, 6,000*l.*, in 60 bags. Their endeavours to provide the victuals for the fleet; the whole country cannot supply above one hundred thousand Newland fish. All provisions are very dear except beef. *Incloses,*

102. I. *Estimate of the whole proportion of victuals, rating four to a mess, for* 23,000 *men for* 28 *days.*

April 27. 103. Note (in Howard's hand) of Her Majesty's ships serving in the Narrow Seas under Sir Martin Frobisher, and those under Sir Geo. Beston to go northward.

April 27. 104. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. The letters for Dort are signed and are to be forwarded to Mr. Bodley. He could not persuade Her Majesty to sign the letter for a Fellow's room in Magdalen College for Simon Beverley. The warrant is signed for Sir Wm. Russell, and he is to return with all speed to Flushing. The warrant for 2,000*l.* for Scotland is also signed.

April 28. 105. Memorandum by Sir John Hawkyns, Sir Hen. Palmer, and others, to satisfy the Lord Treasurer touching the expenditure of the money granted for the Navy, in answer to his demands of the 28th of April.

April 28. Plymouth. 106. William Moys to Burghley. Is still joined with the Mayor and Mr. Wm. Hawkyns, in the duty of providing provisions for the fleet, although he had received no instructions to that effect.

April 30. 107. Note of powder and munition needful to be provided for Her Majesty's stores in the Office of the Ordnance. Signed by Sir Robt. Constable and Jo. Powell.

April 30. 108. Petition of John Welshe, servant of Dr. Balye, to the Council. Desires a warrant of protection to pass and return again into Cornwall, having to serve a writ of privy seal on Thos. Hearle to appear and answer for his unjust dealings towards the said Welshe.

April. Whitehall. 109. Writ of summons for Robert Moyle, of St. Germain's, Cornwall, John Beste, and others, to appear and answer before the Council all such matters as shall be objected against them.

April. 110. William Tedder to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His gratitude and devotion for Walsyngham's favors towards him and the college. He had spoken with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Latin.

April. 111. Petition of the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Somersetshire to the Council. Desiring that the number of horses and soldiers to be kept in readiness in that county may be abated.

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1589. April ? 112. A device by Sir Fr. Walsyngham for the erecting of a public exercise of catechising within the city of London. Two eminent persons from the Universities to be appointed catechisers, to be supported by a fixed stipend and by public subscription, and a new catechism to be penned by them. To be held in the church of the Grey Friars, where some stages may be erected, theatre-wise, for the receiving of great numbers; a special place to be appointed for all women, apart by themselves.

April ? 113. Petition of Sir Edward Clere to [the Lord Chancellor ?]. That he would please to give warrant that some of Her Majesty's counsel may be appointed to consider and report on the causes between him and the late feoffees of the last Duke of Norfolk and his son the Earl of Arundel, as the same may concern Her Majesty by the attainder of the said Earl.

April. 114. Petition of Mathew Chubbe, of Dorchester, to Mr. Sec. Wolley. Desires to be excused from the loan of 50*l.* to Her Majesty, being not able to do it. His name had not been certified by the Lord Lieutenant as of sufficient means.

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1589. May 1. Barn Elms. 1. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Tho. Phelippes. He liked well of B——— proceeding. He will furnish him with 20*l.* to perform his journey. Desires Phelippes to decipher a letter enclosed.

May 1. Barn Elms. 2. Same to Simon Rogers, minister of Byfield, in Northampton. Directs him to make search for and apprehend a person who, under the pretence of being a messenger, went up and down in Northamptonshire, under the feigned names of Sidney, Smith, Edwards, and Pepper.

May 1. 3. Tho. Milles to Mr. Burnett, attending on Mr. Sec. Davidson at Weldhall, in Essex. Foreign news: The Duke of Main defeated by the King of Navarre. The King of Scots at Aberdeen with 8,000 men in pursuit of Huntley and the other insurgent Lords. The Laird of Wemys is returning to Scotland; effect of his message. The Queen will give King James a pension of 5,000*l.* per annum. The Duke of Parma prepares great store of munition at Bruges. The English fleet had been seen off the coast of Biscay; has received word of 20 bundles of dry rushes to be landed at Tower Wharf.

May 1. Chester. 4. Wm. Massie and others, Mere Merchants of Chester, to Walsyngham. The dispute between them and the retailers. The mayor refuses to call a general meeting to hear the order proposed by the

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merchants of London. The retailers still exclaim against Peter Newall. *Inclosing,*

4. I. *The answer of the Mere Merchants of Chester to the order proposed by the Merchants of London, for settling the controversy between them and the retailers.*

May 2. 5. Names of persons fit for the office of Justice of Chester; and of those fit to be called to be Serjeants-at-law.

May 2. Barn Elms. 6. Sir F. Walsyngham to Tho. Windebank, clerk of Her Majesty's Signet. The draft of the letter to Norreys and Drake was in as mild terms as could be expected. The two generals were men of courage and would rather hazard Her Majesty's displeasure than let the expedition fail. Considering how greatly Sir Roger Williams is beloved both by captains and soldiers, the proceeding against him might breed a mutiny and division in the army.

May 2. Plymouth. 7. Humfrey Founes, Mayor, and Wm. Hawkins to Lord Burghley. The most part of the money assigned over to them for victualling the fleet had been previously paid into the Exchequer by the collectors. Oil, beans, peas, and oatmeal were very difficult to be procured, and would cost nearly as much as the ordinary supply of beef, butter, and cheese. *Inclosing,*

7. I. *Note of the receipt of all such sums of money at Plymouth for victualling the fleet, with the answers of such collectors as have not sent any.*

May 3. Deptford Strond. 8. Sir John Hawkyns to the Mayor of Plymouth and Wm. Hawkins. The Lord Treasurer had promised him 2,000*l.*, and 6,000*l.* had been sent down to them by land for this service. The Lord Treasurer is desirous of knowing full particulars of all the provisions procured by them for the fleet.

May 4. Hogsden. 9. Sir Tho. Tresame to Walsyngham. Has never been paid the money owing to him by Mr. Bawle, of Buckinghamshire, for cattle sold to him. Particulars of his dealings with Bawle. Solicits his help to procure payment.

May 4. 10. The Queen to Norreys and Drake. Doubteth not but they have thoroughly weighed the heinousness of the offence lately committed by Sir Roger Williams in his forsaking the army with one of her principal ships. If they have not inflicted the punishment of death, he is to be deprived of all command and kept in safe custody, at their perils. "For as we have authority to rule so we look "to be obeyed." If Essex has joined the fleet, they are forthwith to cause him to be sent home; if they do not they shall look to answer for the same at their smart, for these be no childish actions. [*This, a draft, supervised by the Queen, and one word interlined by her own hand.*]

May 6. Whitehall. 11. Richard Dane to Walsyngham. Extracts of letters written from Lisbon to Antonio Fernandez in Brazil, giving an account of

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the losses sustained by the Spanish fleet. The trade ships from Brazil in sugars to go round about Scotland to Hamburgh. Death of the Prince of Ascula, and John Martinez de Recald, the great Admiral of Spain. News from France. The King endeavours to kill the Duke of Guise and his brother the Cardinal, and one of his sons. Paris is in revolt against the King.

May 6. The Downs. 12. Sir Martin Frobiser to the Lord Admiral. The Moon in going to Ostend had taken a ship with a Spaniard on board who threw two packets of letters over board. Will send their examinations.

May 6. Groyne. 13. Capt. Tho. Fenner to Burghley. Informs him of the arrival of the fleet at the Groyne on the 24th of April. Details their operations. Assault and capture of the Lower Town. Many ships burnt and destroyed. Capture of 150 pieces of artillery, corn, meal, beef, and other stores. They had attacked and defeated 8,500 of the enemy with great loss. Sir Edward Norreys was hurt in the head.

May 7. The Groyne. 14. Anthony Ashley to the Council. Sends some particulars of the action in hand. Both the generals are earnestly affected to accomplish all things, but their wants, arising from some parsimony at home, hinder them. An army of 10,000 good soldiers might pass through the whole realm. Sends examinations of prisoners. Fears it will be impossible to enter Lisbon. Commends the valour of Sir Edw. Norreys., Col. Sidney, Capt. Fulke, Capt. Hinder, Capt. George, and John Cooper, in the fight yesterday with the Spanish troops.

May 7. The Groyne. 15. Extracts from a letter of Sir John Norreys and Sir F. Drake to same. Giving an account of their engagement with the Spanish army 15,000 strong. Sir Edward Norreys grievously hurt on the head, two soldiers killed and one corporal of the field; the enemy lost about 1,000, and abandoned their weapons, bag and baggage. Several English captains wounded.

May 7. Downs. 16. Sir M. Frobiser to the Lord Admiral. Sends particulars of the hoy, bound for Dunkirk, which was captured by the Moon. The Spaniard was John de Toledo. Desires his orders for shipping provisions for the fleet; and he has but seven days' victuals left.

May 7. 17. The answer of Roger Windham, upon his oath, to the articles objected against him touching the spoil of the ship and goods belonging to certain Scotch merchants, in Norfolk, with the replication of the Scotchmen.

May 7. Chester. 18. Wm. Hammett, Mayor, and many Citizens of Chester to Walsyngham. Objections to the decision of the merchants of London in the controversy between the retailers and mere merchants of Chester. Particulars of the licence for calf skins granted to Walter Newall.

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May 7. Mr. Boswell's house. 19. Gilbert Lord Talbott to Walsyngham. Requests him to write to the Earl of Huntingdon in favor of Mr. Peter Rosse, to be appointed one of the Council at York. He is of the Middle Temple, one of the ancientest double Readers there, very learned, sound in religion, and a very honest gentleman.

May 8. Whitehall. 20. Warrant to Tho. Wylkes, clerk of the Council, to search the lodgings of Edward Isham, in the Old Bailey, and to seize all his papers and writings.

May 8. 21. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Sends certain letters to him to be sealed with the privy seal, the one to the Emperor on behalf of one Proctor to be returned. Her Majesty has granted the privilege for making iron.

May 8. Groyne. 22. Sir John Norreys to Lord Burghley. He would by their letters to the Council understand what had passed since their departure. They were unable to take the town for want of artillery They intend going at once for Portugal. Requests him to move Her Majesty for a supply of artillery, powder, and other provisions. It is more honorable and profitable for Her Majesty to assail her enemies abroad than to defend herself at home. It is most certain there was a fleet provided for another attempt on some part of her dominions.

May 8. The Groyne. 23. Sir Fr. Drake to Secretary Wolley. Details of the capture of the Groyne, four ships, divers barks, and 150 pieces of ordnance, wherein they have slain near 1,000 Spaniards. They have done the King of Spain many pretty services at that place, for which he will not thank them. Insufficiently supplied with powder and provisions. "The Kyng of Spayne slepethe not, nor wanteth no will to do us hurt: God grant we may prevent him."

May 8. At the Groyne. 24. Same to Burghley. On the 24th of April they landed 7,000 men at the Groyne, and took the Lower Town, and they found there four large ships preparing for a fresh armada against England, one of which they burnt and the other three taken. They have 150 pieces of ordnance, and destroyed great quantities of provisions and stores. Attack and defeat of upwards of 10,000 Spaniards, which is no little quailing to the enemy. Want of artillery.

May 9. Plymouth. 25. Capt. Anthony Plott to same. That Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake had appointed him marshal at Plymouth to provide ships and mariners for conveying provisions to the fleet. Hearing that Capt. Crosse is to take charge of the fleet of victuallers, he prays to be reimbursed his expenses in this service. *Incloses,*

25. 1. *The charge of victuals provided by Capt. Plott for the action under Norreys and Drake, with the names of the ships impressed by him.*

May 9. The Downs. 26. Sir Martin Frobiser to same. Has sent his letter of the 8th to Sir John Conway. States at some length his opinions on the

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importance of preventing the enemy from possessing the seaport towns of Flanders and the Netherlands.

May 9, Plymouth. 27. Wm. Moys to Burghley. Money due to the country for provision and stores since the 9th of April. Two ships, separated from the fleet and driven into harbour by contrary winds, had been revictualled and will be sent off with the convoy of provisions for the fleet. *Incloses,*

27. I. *Note of the debts owing to the country and town of Plymouth, for victuals delivered to the fleet, since the 9th of April.*

May 9. The Minerics. 28. Sir Robt. Constable to same. Information of powder newly arrived from Stoad. Desires that it may be taken up for Her Majesty's service. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Note of such powder as is at present in London, and what is expected to come by the next voyage from Hamborough.*

May 10. 29. Peter Pett, Mathew Baker, and Richard Chapman to same. Soliciting payment for the provision of timber and planks for the new works, and also for the old debt of Gravesend.

May 10. 30. Note of payments made of the debts in the office of the Admiralty for 1587 and 1588, and of those which yet remain to be answered.

May 11. Plymouth. 31. Humfrey Founes, Mayor, Wm. Hawkyns, and Wm. Moys, to the Council. Intelligence of the burning of the shipping at the Groyne by the English fleet, the capture of Byon (Bayona), and that they were then going towards Lisbon. French news.

May 11. 32. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. His ill health. Her Majesty had signed the Lord Chamberlain's book, but objects to Mr. Chidley's commission, because she would have custom paid for such prizes as might be brought in; she also refused to sign Mr. Alderman Elkin's commission. Dr. Bell is appointed Dean of Ely; Dr. Dove's for the deanery of Norwich is stayed till Mr. Thornborough may have some preferment. She also stays the grant of denization to Stephen le Sieur.

May 11. 33. Battista Aurellio to same. As many people applied to him for assistance as if he were a bishop; the bearer thought that his Honor might be able to find him some employment, as he was in great distress. Italian.

May 12. The Court. 34. Earl of Warwick to the Lord Mayor of London. Is desirous to effect the redemption of the barony of Denbigh. Prays him to call a court to consider of his offers. *Incloses,*

34. I. *Offers made by the Earl of Warwick's officers unto the Lord Mayor of London and the rest interested in the lordship of Denbigh, touching the redemption of the same: with a list of names, probably of the parties interested.*

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May 12. Ivy-church. 35. The Earl of Pembroke to Walsyngham. Has been informed that many gentlemen in Herefordshire able to contribute to the loan had not been duly certified.

May 12. 36. Remembrance by Tho. Bedwell for keeping the store of the ordnance. The ordnance at Woolwich and Chatham had not been included in Sir Wm. Wynter's patent. Solicits that office for himself.

May 12. London. 37. Mandamus of the Archbishop of Canterbury touching the inhibition of Dr. Dey, advocate of the Arches Court, against Edmond (Freke), formerly Bishop of Norwich, and Dr. Robt. Redman. Latin.

May 12. 38. Note of the powder and munition delivered out of Her Majesty's stores in the Tower, for which J. Powell and Sir Ro. Constable have received payment. Mr. Hockenhall's information.

May 13. 39. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are of opinion that Mr. Thornborow is sufficiently learned to be appointed to the Bishoprick of Salisbury, but that he might be Dean of Peterborough or Rochester, if Dr. Hutton, Dean of York, were removed from the Deanery of York to the Bishoprick of Durham, and Dr. Fletcher, now Dean of Peterborough, were removed to the Deanery of York. An offer for the making of salt. Mr. Chidley's commission. Mr. Cooke is going to God.

May 13. 40. Order in Council commanding Lady Gresham to make present payment of the sum of 157*l.* 10*s.* to Lady Rivers.

May 13. 41. Memoranda, in Lord Burghley's hand, of public business: 500 soldiers to be levied for Ostend; abuses permitted by the captains of the trained bands; matters of the loan; defences of the realm.

May 14. Lincoln's Inn. 42. Richard Ridgate to Mr. Danyell of Deresbury. On private legal business. Has retained Mr. Grymston for him. There is a full bar of Serjeants at the Common Pleas, for five new ones have been chosen. Serjeant Walmesley is chosen Justice of the Common Pleas and Serjeant Shuttleworth Justice for Chester Assizes.

May 15. Ely Place. 43. Lord Chancellor Hatton to Lord Burghley. Recommends that Capt. Crosse should be sent with the provisions for the fleet, as he had received particular directions from Her Majesty concerning the two generals and the Earl of Essex. Thinks the charge of the ships going out may well be divided between Capt. Plott and Capt. Crosse.

May 16. The Court. 44. Earl of Sussex to Walsyngham. Sir Wm. Knolly's report. Sends intelligence of the success of the English fleet at the Groyne, and the taking of the Lower Town, brought from thence by Sir Wm. Knollys. Particulars of the engagement with the Spaniards. Sir John Norreys was upon the bridge in his doublet and hose, with his pike, at the fight. The Earl of Essex had not been heard of.

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May 16. 45. Specification of the proportions for building of the three great ships, the four crompsters, and six great boats, with an estimate of the charge of the same.

May 16. 46. Duplicate of the above, with slight alterations and contracts of Peter Pett to execute the same.

May 16. 47. Extracts from the letters of Sir John Norreys and Sir F. Drake. The companies and order of the assault against the Lower Town of of the Groyne. Names of the colonels and companies engaged with the enemy at Burgos, and the order of battle in which they were placed.

May 16. The Court. 48. Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice Chamberlain, to Walsyngham. Sir Wm. Knollys' report of the success of the English at the Groyne. He left them ready to sail for Lisbon. Nothing had been heard of the Earl of Essex. Her Majesty will visit Walsyngham on Thursday or Friday next.

May 17. 49. Tho. Windebank to same. Her Majesty has signed the commission for Mr. Chidley with the clause of custom and subsidies to be paid; also the warrant for Sir Nich. Parker and Mr. Dove's bill. Her Majesty had given order for the Archbishop of Canterbury to prohibit the printing of the Psalms in Dutch, as set forth by St. Aldegonde. He could not obtain the suit for Mr. Tho. Dudley.

May 17. 50. Same to same. Sends the placard for six horses for the King of Scotts. Her Majesty ordered him to cross out "mares." She refuses to grant the privilege to the Germans for the making of salt, as many of her subjects make salt of sea water. Conversation about Norreys and Drake. She thinks they had left two places where they ought to have gone and burnt the ships, before going to the Groyne, but they went to places more for profit than for service. She is strangely informed against them.

May 19. Plymouth. 51. Capt. Robt. Crosse to Lord Burghley. Has inspected the shipping for carying the victuals, which would be ready to set sail on the 22nd. Mr. Mose had in readiness the provisions for the fleet, but Captain Plott had delayed the ships for his own private gain.

May 20. 52. Lord Burghley to the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex, Hertford, and Lincoln. Her Majesty in Council had given directions for the whole forces of the realm to be reviewed, mustered, and put in order. Directs them as his deputy lieutenants to carry into execution the letters of the Council, and to put everything in good order for the satisfaction of Her Majesty's good pleasure.

May 20. 53. The Queen to Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake. Is surprised at their demand for more men and munitions after her liberal

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contribution of 20,000*l.* and the further round sum she had advanced since that. Upbraids them with perverting the primary object of the expedition, which was to have burnt the King of Spain's navy and shipping in the ports where they lay, the Groyne being of little importance and very hazardous in the attempt. She expects they will yet destroy the King of Spain's navy, and attempt the restoring of Don Antonio in Portugal, and then proceed to the Azores according to their instructions. Puts them in mind that they are not to suffer themselves to be transported with an haviour of vain-glory, which will obfuscate the eyes of their judgment. Desires to know who has been put in the place of Sir Roger Williams.

May 20. Banbury. 54. Precept from Richard Wheatlye, Constable of the Hundred of Banbury, to Wm. Long, Constable of Nethorp and Cothorpe, to take down all May-poles within his district and to repress and put down all Whitsun-ales, May-games, and Morris-dances, and utterly to forbid any wakes or fairs to be kept.

May 20. 55. Similar precept to William Scott, constable.

May 21. Plymouth. 56. H. Founes, Mayor, Wm. Hawkins, and Wm. Moys to Burghley. Account of money received for victualling the fleet. Arrival of four Dutch flyboats with 200 soldiers, having been separated from the fleet on the coast of Spain. Desire to know what they shall do with any other ships which may return.

May 22. 57. John Danvers, Sheriff of Oxford, to all Justices of Peace and other Officers in that county. Order to repress all riots and tumults that may be raised under pretence of taking down May-poles, which being well used, and the time of Divine service duly observed, were lawful to be kept.

May 22. Cothropp. 58. The same to the Lord Chancellor. Has been obliged to acquaint the Archbishop of Canterbury with the bad proceedings of Anthony Cope and others of the town of Banbury, who under the plea of religion were practising to abolish most pastimes used in the country, as May-poles, Morris-dances, Whitsun-ales, and others to the great discontentment of Her Majesty's loving subjects. Desires that the matter may be considered by the Council.

May 23. 59. Note of spices delivered out of the spicery for the service of the privy chamber and Her Majesty's kitchen. The quantity supplied for the gentlewomen of the privy chamber for posset and caudle, burnt sack, &c.

May 23. Norwich. 60. Henry Lord Cromwell and the Justices of Norfolk to the Council. Desiring permission for the county to export grain, there being a great store of old and a prospect of an abundant harvest, wheat selling for 12*s.* a quarter and barley for only 6*s.*

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May 24. Whitehall. 61. The Council to Lord Norris. They have been informed that there has been some disorder in the town of Banbury about the setting up of a May-pole and like pastimes of recreation. They see no objection to such pastimes, so that they were not made an excuse for unlawful meetings.

May 24. 62. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Sends him the placard for the Master of Graye's horses. Has moved the Lord Admiral for a ship for the safe conduct of Mrs. Bodley. Has moved Her Majesty on behalf of Mr. Broncard.

[May 24.] 63. Lord Burghley to the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex. Directions that the same gentlemen who were chosen by the Earl of Leycester, when Lord Lieutenant, to be captains of the trained bands, should continue in that service. Has requested Mr. Edw. Walgrave to resume his command of 50 lances. Has appointed three gentlemen to be captains of the 600 foot formerly entrusted to Sir John Petre, now a deputy lieutenant.

May 24. 64. Names of the captains of horse and foot in the county of Essex, with their several charges. Sir John Smythe colonel and Robert Pecock muster master.

May 25. 65. Memorandum by Richard Wheatlye and Wm. Long that on exhibiting to John Danvers, the sheriff, a letter from the Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire for the suppression of May-poles, the sheriff received it with great and ragious speeches and called the high constable knave, twice or thrice.

May 25. 66. Anthony Cope to the Council. Defends himself from the malice of Mr. Danvers, the sheriff, and prays to be heard at the Council table. Protests that he never had any suspicious meetings about religion. Has never restrained Whitsun-ales and Morris-dances. Disorderly conduct and living of Mr. Danvers.

May 25. Westminster. 67. Passport granted by the Queen for the safe coming of a confidential person to be sent by the Duke of Parma into England to satisfy and pay the sums of money agreed upon for the ranson of the Spanish prisoners.

May 25. Whitehall. 68. The Council to the Judge of the Admiralty, Dr. Awbrey, and others. To certify their opinions who ought to be chargeable with payment of the freight and goods taken in the Searkyder of Hamborough, Lawrens Sweer master. *Incloses,*

68. I. *Petition of Lawrens Sweer to the Council. Prays for compensation for loss of his ship and goods, taken by Tho. Drake and Wm. Hawkyns; the goods being sold by Sir Fr. Drake and the ship taken into Her Majesty's service.*

May 26. Broxbourn. 69. Sir Henry Cocke to Lord Burghley. Had with Sir Philip Butler, in the absence of Sir John Brockett, assembled the justices

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of peace and taken order for mustering the forces of the shire. Captain Poulter has requested to resign his command. Reasons for continuing Capt. Edw. Newport in his command of 60 men.

May 27. The Fleet. 70. John Shereff to Lord Burghley. Is ready to give every information in his power as to the accounts of the late Master of the Ordnance, both for England and Ireland. It will be necessary for him to consult the books of accounts.

May 29. Knebworth. 71. Rowland Lytton to same. The Deputy Lieutenants had given order for the musters at a general meeting. Desires to have his authority confirmed with power to settle any disputes that may arise among the soldiers. Distribution of powder and other stores.

May 30. Queen's College. 72. Roger Earl of Rutland to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Thanks him for his many favors, and is happy it has pleased God to stir up for him so good a friend and patron.

[May.] 73. Account of the goods and money received in Plymouth out of the Sea Ryder and the White Falcon of Hamburgh brought in by Capt. Thomas Drake, together with the issuing thereof for Her Majesty's service, by the order of Sir John Norreys and Sir F. Drake, Knights. [*The Court of Admiralty were directed to inquire into the account of the goods sold out of the Sea Ryder, May* 25, 1589. *Co. Reg.*]

May. 74. Information given by Mr. Price of certain idolatries and superstitions practised by the people in North Wales: the sacrifice of bullocks at Whitsuntide to Beyno the patron saint of the parish of Clynnog in the bishoprick of Bangor.

May. 75. The opinions of Dr. Aubrey and Dr. Hammond touching the payment of freight of a ship which was stayed by the Inquisition in Spain.

May? 76. Tho. Howard to Lord Burghley. Reasons of the falling off of the subsidy in Dorsetshire. Abuses committed by clerks of justices of the peace holding the office of sub-collectors.

June 1. Camp at Caskales. 77. Sir Roger Williams to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Refers to the report of the bearer. They are so reduced by the heat of the weather that they are not now above 4,000 fighting men. They were ready to sail to Cadiz or Barbary to revictual, or else to return by the Spanish coast. They found biscuit and corn at Lisbon sufficient for 40,000 men for one year, and had taken 80 sail of Easterlings laden with stores. The King of Spain had intended to have fitted out a new fleet for England. With 12,000 footmen and 1,000 lancers Her Majesty might march through Spain and Portugal, and dictate terms of peace. The Portuguese are the greatest cowards ever seen.

June 2. Cascais. 78. Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake to the Council. Proceedings from their departure from the Groyne towards Lisbon. Landed at Ataquia, where the castle was surrendered to them, and from

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thence marched to Lisbon, and occupied the suburbs. Finding the Portuguese made no demonstration in favor of the King Antonio, withdrew their troops to Cascais, and they now remain. Are in doubt what to do, unless supplies come from England speedily. Have captured 60 sail of ships, laden with corn. Both soldiers and mariners were suffering from extreme sickness. *Inclosing,*

78. I., II. *A note of the state of the English army at Lisbon, and the order of the march from Penice to Lisbon, showing the commanders in the avant-guard, the battle, and the rear-guard. The numbers of soldiers, showing the serviceable men and the number of those that are sick.* [*In duplicate.*]

June 2. Cascais. 79. Anth. Ashley to Walsyngham. The army landed within 12 leagues of Lisbon, and marched by Sir John Norreys to that city after frequent encounters with the enemy. He held the suburbs three days, but not being seconded by the citizens, he retired with his forces to Cascais. Arrival there of Sir Francis Drake with the fleet, and the castle yielded on composition. This is all that has been done, for want of timely supplies from England and no demonstration in favor of Don Antonio.

June 2. 80. Account by Tho. Underwood of all the horses intrusted to his keeping since his entering his Honor's service [*probably Sir F. Walsyngham*]. Name of the horses, and of those to whom many of them have been presented, or otherwise disposed of. [*It does not appear to whom this curious account was rendered; many of the horses were from Penshurst, and the names of several of the Sydney family are mentioned.*]

June 2. Woodstock. 81. Sir Henry Lee to Mr. Davison (at his house in London). Is willing to appoint Mr. Sugdene to the clerkship of the Armory, and requests him to procure Her Majesty's confirmation of the same. Wishes Davison all the good fortune so noble a gentleman is worthy of.

June 2. 82. Confession of Lieut. Devereux, (lieutenant to Mr. Corbitt,) of the causes of their departure from the fleet, at the Groyne: taken before Sir F. Walsyngham, at Barn-elms.

June 3. 83. Articles of the contract entered into with Richard Chapman, for the building of the new ship, a crompster, and two great boats. Particulars of their dimensions and structure.

June 3. 84. Similar contract entered into with Matthew Baker, for the building of the new ship, two crompsters, and two great boats.

June 5. Cascais. 85. Norreys and Drake to the Council. Having no hope of supplies from England, they had resolved to sail for St. Michael's and the rest of the Azores. Had met with the Earl of Essex at Cape Finisterre, but were unable to send him home earlier, as they could not spare the services of the Swiftsure.

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June 5. 86. Advertisements from Cascais, in the river of Lisbon, the 5th of June. The English fleet of 146 sail departed from the Groyne towards Cascais on the 8th of May. Landing of the army at Penice the Earl of Essex was the first that landed, wading through the water up to the shoulders. March on to Lisbon under Essex and Norreys; encounters with the enemy, and death of Capt. Bret. The town of Cacales taken by Drake.

June 6. 87. Petition of Richard Wheatlye, constable of the hundred of Banbury, to the Council, complaining of the resistance of John Danvers, High Sheriff of Oxford, to the precept of the Deputy Lieutenant, for the taking down of all May-poles, and being threatened by him to bring matter to light that should endanger the constable's life. With order thereon indorsed.

June 8. 88. Lord Burghley to the Deputy Lieutenants of Hertfordshire. Directions as to the musters. The citizens of London possessing lands in that shire to be rated according to the value of their lands. Supply of powder. Appoints Edmund Verney, Esq., to be captain of Sir John Brockett's band. Mr. Humphrey Coningsby to continue in his office of muster master.

June 10. 89. An estimate of the proportion of victuals for 43 companies of footmen for one year, by George Leicester.

June 13. 90. Names of the principal Officers of the Court of the Exchequer and the Court of Wards, with the sums to be taxed upon each for the loan.

June 13? 91. The names of the Officers in the Courts of Chancery, the Masters in Chancery, the Six clerks, &c.; with the sums at which several were assessed to the loan.

June 13? 92. The names of the 24 Cursitors of the Court of Chancery, and the shires belonging to them, for assessment to the loan; with particulars of the private estate of each.

June 14. 93. Note of the goods taken by Sir John Norreys, Sir Fr. Drake, the Earl of Cumberland, and others, belonging to the merchants of the Low Countries.

June 14. 94. Notes by Mr. Humphrey Coningsby for the musters of the trained bands in the county of Hertford; the persons of the men to be well chosen for ableness and comeliness of body. Duties of the muster master.

June 14. Arches Court. 95. The Judge of the Admiralty and others to the Council. Their opinion as to the goods taken in the ship of Laurence Sweer, called the Sea Rider of Hamburgh, and as to liability for payment of the freight.

June 15. 96. Note of the money paid into the Exchequer by the collectors of the loan in several shires. Names of the collectors.

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June 17. 97. Account of amercements of the Court of the Marches of Wales, being the account of Oliver St. John, receiver, for one whole year, ending Michaelmas, anno Reg. tricesimo.

June 18. 98. Notes by Mr. Michael Blunt of the sums to be paid to Sir John Brokett, for the lands of Bicester.

June 18. 99. Certificate of Sir Chr. Wray, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, of officers and attorneys able to contribute to the loan in the office of that court.

June 19. 100. Similar certificate by Sir Edmond Anderson, Chief Justice, of the names of officers and attorneys in the court of Common Pleas.

June 19. 101. Deed of Ambrose Willoughby, one of the servers of the Queen's table, declaring the grant of a lease to William Kirkham, of the Manor of Gaysley, co. Suffolk, and the Manor of Chesworthe.

June 23. 102. The answer of William Painter, touching the things charged upon the Earl of Warwick, taken out of the Queen's store in the Tower of London.

June 28. 103. State of the cause between Wm. Calthorpe and Thomas and Richard Baxter, as to money lent, and the offers of Calthorpe to settle the debts. Also of various other causes with other parties for money lent, and similar offers for settling the same. Calthorpe has sold all his patrimony, and has neither lands nor goods to make further satisfaction.

June. 104. State of the case in the Star Chamber between Edward Sybell, plaintiff, and John Hope and Robert Bosseville, defendants, on the execution of a bond for the conveyance of a certain portion of the lands of Edw. Sybell.

June 105. The names of certain Spanish prisoners in England.

June? 106. Memorial for the loan, addressed to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, Keeper of the Privy Seal. Lord Chandos requests an abatement of 1,000*l.* on the assessment for Gloucestershire. Certificates of the lawyers and attorneys to be considered. Abatements required in Hereford and Worcester, &c.

June? 107. Similar memorial for the loan; several items being the same. Sir James Harrington, collector for Rutland, has only paid in 275*l.*, and has not paid the 100*l.* assessed upon himself. Mr. John Manners, collector for Derby, has paid in his whole charge except 150*l.* Abatement required for Somerset, &c.

June. 108. Memorial, in Walsyngham's hand, for the execution of Sir Walter Mildmay's will.

June. 109. Submission of George Napper, prisoner in the Compter, Wood Street. Acknowledging that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was the true, natural, and rightful Queen of England, and had, or ought to have, all superiority, jurisdiction, pre-eminence, and authority within England and Ireland.

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June. 110. Note of powder brought from abroad into Her Majesty's store in the Office of Ordnance in May and June, at 12*d.* the pound.

June. 111. Book of the powder and munition brought into Her Majesty's stores, with the wages and ordinary allowance due to the officers and others in the Office of Ordnance, ending June 1859.

June. 112. The names of the captains that are at Rochelle, that were not at the Groyne, and of others that have returned from the fleet.

June. 113. The names of the pensioners in Stanley's regiment.

June. 114. Petition of Thomas and Robert Robynson to Lord Burghley. For grant of the privilege of making saltpetre within the city of London, offering to supply 20,000 lbs. weight yearly without troubling Her Majesty's subjects for the same.

June ? 115. Petition of Katherine Poleson, wife of John Poleson, subject of the King of Denmark, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Prays that order may be taken for payment of the money owing to her husband by Sir Walter Lewson, for want of which he had been long detained in prison for debt.

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July 2. Deptford. 1. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. The Lord Admiral has called home the Tiger and the Achates, leaving the Vanguard to keep the northern coast. Sends an estimate of the money required for the payment of the ships. Wants money to pay off the debt for tonnage. Mr. Cordall has offered to advance 1,000*l.* for that purpose.

July 2. 2. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of the ships continued in service on the Narrow Seas.

July 3. London. 3. Sir Robert Sydney to Walsyngham. Desires him to remind Her Majesty of his suit. Requests that as soon as Sir Wm. Russell is discharged Sir Tho. Sherley may be informed of it. Wishes to see the patents of Sir Philip Sydney and Sir Wm. Russell.

July 4. London. 4. Same to same. Thanks him for the trouble taken by him, although the Queen has refused his suit. Desires that his commission and instructions may not be signed till he has spoken with him. Hopes the Queen, since she will give him nothing, would pay him what she owes him, that he might leave England as honestly as possible.

July 4. Plymouth. 5. Sir John Norreys to same. He supposes he has been informed by Sir Fr. Drake of the arrival of the fleet. Sends his brother to learn Her Majesty's pleasure and the wishes of the Council. Requests permission to sell the goods taken in the hulks, to pay the

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troops and mariners. Fears Her Majesty will mislike of the event of the journey, but much has been done for Her Majesty's honour. Had their enemies done as much against the English they would have made bonfires in most parts of Christendom.

July 5. 6. Lord Burghley to Walsyngham. Perceives he has sent letters to Warwick and Plymouth; the latter will prove vain if London tales be true. Knows that money is required to be sent into Ireland, and for the victuallers. The ordinary payments before Michaelmas amount to above 26,000*l.* He had seen the instructions for Denmark: the scope of them is to have no marriage. "I scribble these "uppon a stone in my garden."

July 5. 7. Examination of Tho. Edwards, of Warwick, on a charge of going up and down the country as a pursuivant, with counterfeit warrants. Names of parties he had defrauded. Never practised on any but clergymen. Was encouraged to take this course by one Davemport and one Newman.

July 5. 8–13. Six counterfeit warrants taken about Tho. Edwards, purporting to be signed by Sec. Walsyngham, addressed to clergymen, and ordering them to appear before the Privy Council, where they should understand the cause of their being sent for.

July 6. Deptford. 14. Sir John Hawkins to Lord Burghley. Sends a device which he had made in December 1587, for annoying the Spaniards, which he thinks very proper to be put in execution now. It is not honourable for the Queen to seem to be in any fear of the King of Spain. Offers his services, as he cannot end his life in a better cause. Is out of debt, and has no children to care for. *Incloses,*

14. I. *A postscript to his letter. Has altered nothing of his former discourse: the benefit of order in all affairs. Has three years' accounts ready to be declared.*

14. II. *Device* [*probably by Sir John Hawkyns*] *for annoyance of the King of Spain. Sir Fr. Drake, with all ships with letters of reprisal, to be stayed till the middle of September, then to sail and take Cadiz, and all the galleys laid up for the winter in St. Mary Port. Every galley has at least* 250 *rowers, whereof* 40 *at least are Turks or Moors. Enormous amount of riches to be gained by the plunder of Cadiz and St. Mary Port. Objects to Drake going to the Indies, as that would leave the King of Spain at liberty to act against England.* [*The assigning this paper to Sir John Hawkyns is quite conjectural.*]

July 7. 15. The Queen to Sir John Norrys and Sir Fr. Drake. Acknowledges herself infinitely bound to Almighty God for the success it has pleased him to give to their attempts in Portugal and Spain. Most thankfully accepts of their services; as much had been performed by them as true valour and good conduction could yield.

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Desires them to express her thanks to the colonels, captains, and inferior soldiers and mariners, who had shown as great valour as ever nation did.

July 7. Much Hadham. 16. Bishop Aylmer to Mr. Tho. Windebank. In behalf of a presentation for Mr. Sparkes, a very fatherly man in the church of Christ, which had been stayed by another man bearing the same name.

[July 7.] 17. Petition of George Cotton to the Council. Derangement of his affairs since his restraint. Desires to have liberty for three months to settle his affairs and make sale of his lands in Hampshire and Cheshire for payment of fines to Her Majesty. [*On the 7th July* 1589 *the Council ordered Cotton to be enlarged until the first day of the next term. Co. Reg.*]

July 8. 18. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Her Majesty at the request of Lady Huntingdon had granted a prebend in Southwell upon one Mr. Sparkes, but it had been stayed, hearing he was a Puritan. Desires him to present the bill again to Her Majesty, as he had received a letter from the Bishop of London, who highly commended him.

July 11. 19, 20. Certificate of musters of the five selected bands of footmen of the county of Hertford, sent to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Essex and Hertford, from Sir John Brokett, Sir Henry Cocke, and Sir Philip Boteler, his Deputy Lieutenants, by Humfrey Coningsby, the muster master. [*In duplicate.*]

July 12. London. 21. Dr. Roger Loppez to Walsyngham. Is sorry that his advice had induced Her Majesty to spend so much money to no purpose. Is now writing to Don Antonio, recommending him to take some order for himself and his Portuguese. The illness of his wife has been the cause of his absence from Court. Italian.

[July 12?] 22. Dr. Ruy Loppez to Walsyngham (?) His suit for a licence to import anniseed and sumach for 31 years had been denied. Has served Her Majesty for the space of three years. Desires relief in his present necessity. Italian.

July 12. London. 23. Note by Tho. Smythe, relative to money to be paid upon licences for the transportation of grain. Names of the parties to be called to account.

July 13. 24. Order of Council delivered to Mauris Timmerman, Alderman of the Stillyard, relative to the ships taken off the coast of Spain and Portugal laden with stores and munition.

July 13? 25. Resolutions, in Walsyngham's hand, touching the goods laden in the ships belonging to the Easterling taken upon the coast of Portugal. A learned man from the Court of Admiralty to be sent down to conduct the examination.

July 13. Plymouth. 26. Sir John Norreys to his brother Sir Edward Norreys. Mr. Ashley had brought orders from the Council for the sale of the goods taken in the hulks and the payment of the troops. They had

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written to the Council that this service ought to be left to them, under their power for the distribution of prizes. The Council have written to know their opinion what service could be done at the Islands or St. Andera.. Has been tormented with the stone.

July 14. Plymouth. 27. Tho. Fenner to Walsyngham. They are in no want of provisions, but the men were nearly all seized with sickness; out of 300 men only three escaped from the sickness, and 114 died in his ship. The service this year and the last had cost him 1,800*l.* Intends to employ the remainder of his fortune in a "journey" to the Indies. Is thankful for his causes of the iron mills.

July 14. 28. Estimate of the charge of setting to the seas three of Her Majesty's ships and two pinnaces for three months.

July 15. 29. Copy of the above.

July 15. Plymouth. 30. Sir John Norreys to Walsyngham. Confusion and loss in the sale of the prize goods. The Mayor of Plymouth and Mr. Hawkins depressed the sale, so that they might get them into their own hands at reduced prices. The Mayor and Mr. Hawkins have received 12,000*l.* for victuals and pay of the debts, of which their army had not received above the value of 1,000*l.* The number of the sick increase daily.

July 15? 31. List of the captains who were slain in the expedition against Spain and Portugal, or that died afterwards of sickness.

July 19. 32. Note, in Lord Adm. Howard's hand, of the ships to go westward under the charge of Sir Martin Frobisher, and of those to remain in the Narrow Seas, under the charge of Sir Henry Palmer.

July 19. 33, 34. Memoranda by Lord Burghley, relative to the above ships. [*Two papers.*]

July 19. Stifkey. 35. Nathaniel Bacon to Walsyngham. Sends him the copy of a letter, written by an ill-affected subject, found on the highway near Fakenham. Meetings are held in suspected places by the Recusants. *Incloses,*

35. 1. *Copy of the seditious letter addressed to Tho. Tarlton. Refers to the news of Portugal, the number of ships and multitudes of men lost, and the excuses that are made. Hopes this has well cooled the Protestants' pottage. Why do not they make another Pope again to burn at Norwich.*

July 20. 36. Articles set down by the Lords and others of the Privy Council for the regulation of merchants and owners of ships having letters of marque and reprisal for the capture of Spanish ships. [*These consist of nine articles, and are the same as those of the 9th of July* 1585, *with the addition of the 9th article.*]

July 20. 37. Copy of the above.

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July 22. 38. The answer of John Powell, Surveyor of the Ordnance, to the informations given against him by Mr. Wm. Paynter:—Examined in the office of the Ordnance before Sir Robert Constable and the rest of the officers, and noted in the margin accordingly.

July 25. Plymouth. 39. Sir John Norreys to Walsyngham. They have sent to the Council their particular answers to Mr. Ashley's instructions. The army is now thoroughly dismissed, the companies delivered to their new captains, and order sent down for their transportation; so that nothing now remains for him to do, in this infected place, but to repair towards London.

July 26. Cobham Hall. 40. Lord Cobham to same. Recommends that the bearer Morrice Garet, son of the White Knight of Munster, preferred by Sir John Perrot to be Sir Wm. Stanley's page, should be employed in England. Lord Pagett, Charles Pagett, the two Throckmortons, and Morgan, are all at Brussels. The Earl of Westmoreland is in Antwerp and very poor. Count Egmont is marched towards France. Sir W. Stanley's band diminishes daily.

July 27. 41. Philippe Howard, late Earl of Arundel, to Lord Burghley. Is well contented with the proportion allowed for his expenses, which is very large and ample. Assures him of his gratitude for the many favors he has received from him. His health is better by the open air he enjoys by Burghley's honorable goodness. Commends himself and his miserable estate to his fatherly protection.

July 27. London. 42. Rafe Lane to Walsyngham. Gives an account of the expedition of Norreys and Drake against Spain. He was unable before to write his opinions freely, for fear of giving offence to the generals. Points in which he considered the generals had acted unwisely. By the idle and vain siege of the citadel of the Groyne, their men had leisure to spoil themselves with drunkenness, and the enemy to gather head against them. Brave conduct of the Earl of Essex.

July 27. 43. Order and decree set down by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Privy Council touching the forfeiture of such provisions of war, as by certain Easterlings were carried to the enemy and taken by Her Majesty's fleet on the coast of Portugal, and discharge of the rest of the merchandizes and ships. Remonstrance addressed to Maurice Timberman, alderman of the Company of the Stillyard in London, against the practice of the Hanze Towns supplying the King of Spain with provisions of war. Seizure of the ships of the Easterlings in the haven of Lisbon laden with provisions. List of such provisions of war thought fit to be stayed.

July 27. 44. Copy of the above.

July 21. 45. Note of such powder, arms, and munition as Randall Symmes offers to furnish upon twelve days' warning.

July. 46. Note of all saltpetre delivered into the Tower by George Shepard and Josias Pett, saltpetre-men.

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July? 47. Petition of John Grange to Lord Burghley. Had been bereaved of his employment of making of saltpetre within the city of London, by Ralph Hockenhull, who for his own gains had employed unskilful persons to carry on the work. Requests a grant of the working of saltpetre in London for 11 years.

July. 48. State of the controversy between Tho. Wilkes and such as are impugners of Her Majesty's grant to him for the manufacture or providing of white salt within the ports of Hull, Boston, and Lynn.

July. 49. Reasons to induce the Council to allow and strengthen the execution of the patent granted to Tho. Wilkes for the manufacture of white salt.

July. 50. Reply to the answer of the merchants trading to Venice, against the uniting of that trade with Turkey.

July. 51. Information against Sir Wm. Stanley for planning the invasion of Ireland by the King of Spain, and then to making a sudden descent at Milford Haven. Report that the Catholics in England had been released upon oath to the Queen to resist any foreign prince that should attempt the invasion of England. The Jesuits and Seminary Priests hold that oath to be prejudicial.

July? 52. Account of extraordinary payments made from Michaelmas, 1588, to Easter following, and from thence to the month of July.

July. 53. Licence by the Queen, at the Queen of Denmark's request, for Strang Matteo to export a certain number of Wiltshire cloths, duty free, for the use of the King of Denmark. [*The Queen of Denmark's letter making this request is dated* 20 *July*, 1589.]

Aug. 5. Terling. 54. The Deputy Lieutenants of Essex to Lord Burghley. Proceedings in taking musters of the horse and foot. Their opinion that Mr. John Wentworth was a person not meet to be a captain of the lances. Request their further certificate may be postponed till after the harvest.

Aug. 7. 55. Articles objected [by John Grange] against Raphe Hockenhull for abuses in the manufacture and supply of saltpetre within the city of London, under a deputation from the Earl of Warwick granted to one George Sheppard. Grange's offer to supply the Queen's stores with 20,000 lb. weight of saltpetre yearly.

Aug. 7? 56. Reasons stated by John Grange for maintenance of his late petition delivered to Lord Burghley against Ralph Hockenhull for abuses in the making and sale of saltpetre.

Aug. 7? 57. Further complaint of John Grange against Raphe Hockenhull for preventing him in the exercise of his letters of deputation for the making of saltpetre, and placing therein his servant Geo. Sheppard: the said petre to be delivered to Mr. George Evelyn for the making of gunpowder.

Aug. 9. 58. Estimate of the charge in transporting six of Her Majesty's ships from Plymouth to Chatham.

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Aug. 9. London. 59. Hugh Overend to Walsyngham. Intelligence from Captain Gwinn that Tho. Berrye, prisoner in Bruges, had been released and had received money to do some ill service at Ostend. Recommends that he should be arrested.

Aug. 9. London. 60. Francis Tresham to Lawrence Tompson. Great scarcity of corn likely to ensue in Portugal by reason of the destruction of the granaries at Lisbon by the English.

Aug. 10. 61. Ra. Hockenhull to Lord Burghley. Thanks for sending him the articles preferred against him touching the supply of powder and saltpetre. Requests a strict examination in the matter, when he is sure he should be able to give a clear explanation of all that he had done.

Aug. 13. 62. Note of the rates and several prices of 46 spruce masts delivered at Deptford for the use of Her Majesty's ships, by Thomas Allin, Her Majesty's merchant for Dantzic.

Aug. 21. The Court. 63. Warrant for the payment of John Conyers and Bartholomew Dodington, Her Majesty's auditors, for taking account of the remains of all the ordnance, powder, munition, rich weapons, &c., in the Tower of London.

Aug. 22. 64. Estimate of the cost of provisions for 100 persons for a week, five persons to a mess: required by Sir Robert Sydney,

Aug. 22. Tower. 65. Sir Owyn Hopton to Walsyngham. The Earl of Arundel had made a choice of Edward Handlyn, an Irishman, to attend on him in the place of Anthony Rumneye. Has delivered Walsyngham's letter to Florence McCarty.

Aug. 24. 66. Robert Kemp and Martin Sedley to the Council. Have examined the controversy between Robert Corbyn, plaintiff, and Ric. Corbyn and others, defendants, about certain marriage settlements between John Corbyn and Oliff Warne, daughter of John Warne, but could not bring the suit to any amicable adjustment.

Aug. 24. London. 67–70. Summons (printed) to the Farmer of the Parsonage of Ashbylegers, co. Northampton, to appear before the Queen's Auditor at Northampton, on the 5th of Nov. next, to make payment of such money as shall be due to the Queen, for the rent of his farm, With three receipts attached.

Aug. 25. 71. Edward Seymour to Daniel Rogers, clerk of the Council. Thanks for his friendly courtesies. Days of payment to certain merchants.

Aug. 28. Grocers' Hall. 72. The Wardens of the Grocers' Company to Lord Burghley. Cause of the high price of Barbary sugars; with their opinions how Her Majesty might best be served. *Inclosing,*

72 I. *Allegations of the retailers and buyers of Barbary sugars, touching the cause of the high prices of the same.*

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Aug. 29. 73. W. Baldwyn to Daniel Rogers. State of his business at the Assizes. Had made composition with Oliver ap Nicholas and Nicholas ap Roger, and have ended with all the rest. Has been at Adney and had conference with Mr. Rogers' tenants there. Private affairs.

Aug. 30. Westminster. 74. Commission of Queen Elizabeth to Sir Martin Frobisher, to impress any mariners, soldiers, gunners, and others, for special service in the South and West Seas, and to take the command of certain ships for that purpose.

Aug. 30. 75. Grant of Charter by Queen Elizabeth to the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne. Latin.

Aug. 76. Estimate of sundry kinds of spices to be provided yearly for Her Majesty's household, with the prices of the same. Amount of sugar required to be furnished by the Barbary merchants.

Aug. 77. Tho. Phellippes to Sir F. Walsyngham. Heard a few days since of the death of his good friend Mr. Amias [Paulett?] and that Mr. Middlemore had obtained a grant of his office of Clerk of the Duchy; but which had been promised to himself by Her Majesty.

Aug.? 78. Petition of Margaret Androwes of Ipswich and her son to the Council. Desiring compensation for the loss of their ship, the Gift of God, being their only substance: sunk by Sir Francis Drake in the late Portugal voyage.

Aug.? 79. The order of procession and ceremonial at the funeral exequies the French King.

Aug.? 80. Petition of Robert Colle *alias* Plume, Wm. Holicombe, John Frane, and Ralph Crouther, for permission to gather lists and shreds of cloth, and to export them beyond sea.

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Sept. 1. His Lordship's Castle. 1. Francis Hawley to Lord Chancellor Hatton. Is much surprised at receiving an order from the Council to restore the Danish flyboat, which had been confiscated in his lordship's admiralty a year and a half since.

Sept. 2. 2, 3. Abstract of money due for carpenters' work and for certain pays and emptions for the works at Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

Sept. 2. 4. Memorial by Lord Chancellor Hatton of public business to be considered by Lord Burghley:— Affairs of the Low Countries. Ambassador for Scotland. To speak with the Aldermen for money. Sir John Norreys and Sir F. Drake to answer to certain articles, resolutely and directly. Examination of Martin Marprelate.

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Sept. 5. West Harling. 5. Sir John Heigham and Bassyngborne Gaudy to the Council. They had heard the suit of Robert Hall against Tho. Ford, concerning land mortgaged by Michell Hall and sold by Tho. Ford to one Wm. Forth. Mr. Ford utterly refuses to yield to any reasonable order.

Sept. 5. Brussells. 6. Testimonial of William Holt, jesuit, in favor of Clement Throgmorton, recommending him to the faithful at Rome. Latin.

Sept. 7. 7–10. Four papers of specifications of the charge and equipment of the several orders of soldiers engaged in the late Portugal voyage, as, for a harquebusier, a dry pike, an armed pike, and a musketeer; under the hand of Ralph Lane, muster master general. To be published in all the shires of England and Wales.

Sept. 8. Greenway. 11. Sir John Gilberte to the Council Certain French merchants had arrived in that port, and under pretence of purchasing fish they buy up the best ships they can get and of the largest burden, well supplied with ordnance.

Sept. 8. Holmlacie. 12. John Scudamore to Walsyngham. Requests that the county of Hereford may be relieved of the duty of watching the beacons, as other shires had ceased to do so.

Sept. 9? 13. The Queen to the Lords Lieutenants of Kent, Sussex, and Hampshire, and to the Lord Mayor of London. The necessity for aid to be sent to the French King. Directions for the levy of 4,000 men to be sent into France for his assistance.

Sept. ? Oatlands. 14. The Council to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Directing that 1,000 footmen be levied within the city for the relief and succour of the French King, being at this present in some danger and distress by reason of the strength of the forces of League and the absence of his own forces.

Sept. 9? 15. Same to the Marquis of Winchester. Directions have been given to the Earl of Sussex to provide a sufficient number of ships and vessels to transport the 1,000 men levied within the county of Southampton, to be embarked at Portsmouth for France. [*On the same paper as the above.*]

Sept. 9. Deptford. 16. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley (?). The Vanguard shall be put in order with all speed, and sends an estimate for that purpose. Has written for 30 cables to be brought by the ships of the Muscovy Company. Sends also a letter for payment of 400*l.* for the Earl of Cumberland.

Sept. 9. Puddle Wharf. 17. Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake to Walsyngham. Requesting that the small piece of brass ordnance, which they had given to Captain Poolle for his good service, may be restored to him.

Sept. 9. Oatlands. 18. The Council to Lord Cobham. Directions for the levy of 1,000 footmen in the county of Kent, to be sent into France, and to provide shipping for their transportation to Dieppe in Normandy. *And on same paper :—*

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Sept. 9. 19. To Lord Buckhurst, to levy 1,000 men in the county of Sussex, and to provide for their embarkation at the port of Rye.

Sept. 9. 20. The Council to the Earl of Warwick, Master of the Ordnance. To take order for the transportation of several parcels of munition to be shipped from London to France by the 20th inst.

Sept. 10. Nottingham. 21. Robert Marshe, Mayor of Nottingham, to same. Walter Pepper had been examined and justifies his dealings by warrant from the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral. Desires that some order may be taken as Pepper threatens him with law for detaining him in prison without warrant. *Incloses,*

21. I. *Examination of John Wyron, of Nottingham, touching the detention of Walter Pepper's warrants for apprehending horse stealers and cutpurses.*

Sept. 10. 22. Notes for the appointment of officers for the 4,000 men to go into France, with the rates of pay, and expense of victualling.

Sept. 10? 23. Note of the charges of the whole army of 4,000 men, with their officers, for a month.

Sept. 10. 24. Note of the entertainment of the head officers of the army of 4,000 men appointed to be sent into France.

Sept. 10? 25. Note of the entertainment of the chief officers of the army, per diem; with the names of the officers.

Sept. 10? 26. Note of the pay to be allowed for entertainment of captains and officers, per diem. Lord Willoughby, the Lord General, to be paid at the rate of 6*l.* a day.

Sept. 10? 27. List of the several sorts of weapons, according to the proportion set down by the Lords of the Council for the 1,000 men to be levied and furnished by the city of London.

Sept. 11. 28. Note how the army of 4,000 men shall be conducted; for the service in France under Lord Willoughby.

Sept. 12. 29. Copy of the first part of the above, with additional notes of costs and charges, by Lord Burghley.

Sept. 12. Deptford. 30. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Has now gathered together his accounts for the 11 years ending December 1588, and would be able to clear the office with credit. Sends also a declaration of the money received by him in 1589.

Sept. 13. 31. Ra. Hockenhull to same. In answer to the accusations of Mr. Grange. It is no small grief to him that he ever came in question with so bad and busy a fellow. Only desires to live in his lordship's good opinion, *Incloses,*

31. I. *The answers of Ralph Hockenhull to the accusations of John Grange, relative to the supply and sale of saltpetre.*

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32. The names of the Captains that are appointed for the leading of the 1,000 men levied in Kent to be transported from Dover to Dieppe in Normandy.

Sept. 13. Canterbury. 33. Edward Boys to Walsyngham. Desires that his son may have the command of the division of the trained bands to be sent into France. Would furnish him with everything he might require. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Note of a dinner in the Great Parlour.*

Sept. 13. Onger. 34. Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Essex to Lord Burghley. Certify the state of the trained bands at the late muster, being in number 4,000 foot and 200 light horse. Sends a schedule of persons fit to command the lances. *Inclosing,*

34. I. *Brief abstract of all the footbands as they are sorted in numbers under their several captains, with the distinction of their weapons.*

Sept. 14. 35. Note of public business to be propounded in Council.

Sept. 14? 36. A memorial for the expedition of the 4,000 men for France; in Walsyngham's hand.

Sept. 15. Sheffield. 37. Earl of Shrewsbury to Walsyngham. Desires to know if the Council approved of his proceedings in the musters and the disposal of Sir Tho. Fitzherbert's house at Padley. Has got an extreme cold and a grievous fit of his old disease.

Sept. 16. 38. Examinations of John Mondey and others taken by Sir Francis Godolphin, touching the preparations in Spain. Arrival at Cadiz of five galleons from Italy laden with provisions and ordnance. A fleet of 80 sail intended against England next summer. Delivery of letters to Don Pedro [de Valdes].

Sept. 16. Cornwall. 39. Tho. Chiverton and Nicholas Flemyng to Sir James Crofte and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. They have examined the complaint of Robert Drew against Walter Bogans and Myles Willies, merchants of Devon, and send up the examinations. Both parties promised to abide by their honors' order.

Sept. 17. Bristol. 40. Robert Kitchen, mayor, and the Aldermen of Bristol to the Council. Send up Jeochim Gaunz, a Jew, born in Prague, and now inhabiting in the Blackfriars, London, who had been apprehended and examined for blasphemous speeches used by him denying the divinity of the Saviour; showing himself to be a most wicked infidel, and not meet to be suffered among Christians. *Inclosing,*

40. I. *Examination of Jeochim Gaunz, the Jew, denying Jesus Christ to be the son of God.*

40. II. *Evidence against Jeochim Gaunz, in a conversation in Hebrew with Richard Curteys, minister, asserting there was but one God, who had neither wife nor child.*

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Sept. 18. Lewes. 41. Lord Buckhurst to Lord Burghley. The delay in the departure of the 1,000 men hath bred a marvellous travail. The whole 4,000 are now to embark at Rye. They are victualled only for ten days. Three French ships of war are lying off the coast to intercept the boats. Hopes these succours will arrive in time, as the French King is surrounded by 30,000 of the enemy.

Sept. 18. 42. Notes and calculations by Lord Burghley relative to the furnishing of the army for France.

Sept. 18. 43. Note of powder and munition to be sent into France with the Lord Willoughby, to be delivered to Sir Nicholas Parker.

Sept. 18. Copy of the above. [*See* 22 *Sept., No.* 66.]

Sept. 18. 44. Estimate of provisions for 900 men for 14 days.

Sept. 18. 45. John Savage to John Danyell. Summons to appear at Halton Castle to answer what services and rents be due to the Crown within the Fee of Halton.

Sept. 19. 46. A proportion of victuals to be delivered for the victualling of 900 men for 14 days, in six several companies, to be sent from London.

Sept. 19. 47. Jo. Calthorp to Tho. Wylkes. Cannot find any willing to stand bound with him for the payment of the money to Woodward. Desires him to consider his offer to Woodward for his liberty. *Incloses,*

47. I. *The desire of John Calthorp in the case in question betwixt John Woodward and him.*

Sept. 19. 48. Note of the entertainment of the 4,000 men, from London, Kent, Sussex, and Hampshire, with deductions for victualling and the dead pays.

Sept. 19. 49, 50. Note of the money to be paid by the Paymaster of the Forces for the army to be sent into France. [*In duplicate.*]

Sept. 19 ? 51. Note of moneys disbursed by the Paymaster for the levy and other charges of 4,000 men, and also of such money as is to be paid unto them.

Sept. 19. Ely House. 52. The Council to Tho. Floude. Warrant for payment of 2,859*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for the entertainment, transportation, and furnishing of the army of 4,000 men to be sent over for the aid of the French King.

Sept. 19. Basing. 53. Marquis of Winchester to the Council. Has given directions for the 1,000 men to be in readiness at Portsmouth to embark for France on the 24th instant. Desires to know if he has done right in ordering the men to be supplied with coat and conduct money.

Sept. 20. 54, 55. Memoranda of the money disbursed by the Paymaster at London, for the army to be sent to France. [*In duplicate.*]

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Sept. 20 ? 56. Note of the money disbursed by the Paymaster in victuals and lendings, for the four regiments of London, Kent, Hampshire, and Sussex; with the amount to be disbursed to make up the full pay.

Sept. 19. The Council to Sir Robt. Constable. For the shipping of certain proportion of munitions, culivers, muskets, &c., for the 4,000 men to be sent into France for the succour of the French King. [*See 9 Sept., No. 20, ante.*]

Sept. 19. Same to Jasper Swift. To provide a sufficient number of vessels to transport 900 men from London to Dieppe by Saturday next. [*See 22 Sept., No. 66.*]

Sept. 20 ? 57. Another note of money disbursed by the Paymaster, and of the sums remaining to make up full pay.

Sept. 21. 58. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council. Sir Francis Vere's request, &c.

Sept. 21. 59. The charges of powder, munition, and other emptions, for the furnishing of the 4,000 soldiers to be sent to France.

Sept. 21. 60. List of emptions and military stores for the army to be sent to France.

Sept. 21. The Council to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Desiring him to appoint a learned and discreet minister to accompany the troops levied for aid of the French King; to be paid at the rate of 20*s.* per day. Similar letters were addressed on the same day to the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Chichester. [*See 22 Sept., No. 66.*]

Sept. 22. London. 61. Edward Burnham to Lawrence Tomson or Mr. Tho. Edmunds. Has delivered his letters. Mr. Agar, who should pay the money for Mr. Asheby, is out of town, and Dutton, the fishmonger, intends to take advantage of the bond against Mr. Taylor if the money is not paid. Desires him to speak to his master for a passport for an Italian, named Augustine Piene, who is at present in prison.

Sept. 22. 62. Lord Buckhurst to [Burghley]. In answer to his letter touching the army to be sent into France. Order taken for the furnishing of the 900 soldiers. The ships had gone to Dover to victual, and would then return to Rye to embark the troops. The news of the King's distress continues. *Encloses;*

62. I. *Account for the provision of victuals for* 1,000 *men for* 10 *days, viz., from the* 24*th of Sept. to the* 3*rd of October* 1589, *levied within the county of Sussex, to pass the seas to Dieppe in Normandy.*

Sept. 22. 63. The Council to the Lord Mayor. Licence has been granted to Eloy Echard to buy and provide, within the city of London, certain quantities of corn, apparel, and other things necessary for the relief and clothing of the army of the French King, and to transport the same to Dieppe.

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Sept. 22. Oatlands. 64. Placard granted to Eloy Echard for the exportation of certain quantities of grain to Dieppe. [*On the same paper as the preceding.*]

Sept. 23. 65. The Council to the Earl of Sussex. The soldiers on their arrival in Dieppe are to be supplied with money to purchase their own provisions; but that he might either export the victuals, which was more than the soldiers required, to Dieppe, and sell the same there, or demand payment from Mr. Fludd, the paymaster. [*On the same paper.*]

Sept. 22. 66. The Council to Sir Henry Palmer. To proceed with Her Majesty's ships from Dover to Rye to conduct over the troops sent to assist the French King.

Sept. 22. 67. Note of things to be collected about the army sent to the aid of the French King under the leading of the Lord Willoughby. Addresses of letters to various parties, instructions, &c., from the 9th to the 22d of September.

Sept. 22. 68. Note of the money paid upon the two warrants for the building of new ships and repairing of old ones.

Sept. 24. The Council to the Lieutenants of the counties of Southampton. Sussex, and Kent. Appointment of Colonels for the regiments levied in those counties: Sir Wm. Drury for Hampshire, Sir John Borough for Sussex, and Sir Tho. Wilford for Kent. Directions to deliver over to the Colonels the full number of 3,000 soldiers, to be distributed by them to the Captains appointed to their several companies. [*See 9 Sept., No. 14.*]

Sept. 26. Lewis. 69. Buckhurst to Burghley. Progress of embarking the troops for France. If the officers are to provide their own victuals, he hopes they will not eat upon the ships' victuals. The troops are ready at Rye, but the Commanders and Captains had not arrived: if they are not speedily hastened away, this service must utterly fall to the ground. Mr. Fludd is not yet come to Rye. Dieppe is straitly besieged.

Sept. 26. 70. Same to same. Wrote in the morning that neither the Colonels nor other officers had arrived at Rye, whereby considerable delay and confusion had arisen among the soldiers. Sir John Borough and others had now arrived with letters, and news of money. Proceedings upon receipt of the letters. The soldiers at Rye have spent their conduct money, and are living on their own resources. Has urged Sir John Borough to embark with all speed.

Sept. 26. Dover. 71. Sir Henry Palmer to the Council. Has sent the Aid and the Moon to Portsmouth, and the Tremontane and Swiftsure to Rye, to conduct the troops to Dieppe. He remains at Dover to convoy Lord Willoughby and the soldiers to be embarked there. Report that the Duke of Parma has sent great forces to the aid of the League.

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Sept. 27. 72. Names of Recusants bailed since Midsummer last by letters from the Lords of the Privy Council.

Sept. 28. 73. Lord Buckhurst to Lord Burghley. Sir John Boroughs had, on coming from London, brought the money with him in his purse for the soldiers, and assures Buckhurst it shall be so employed, which God grant it may be. Captain Cosbie, his lieutenant, complained of the mode of arming the soidiers, being of the old sort. He had, therefore, supplied them with Spanish morions out of his own armoury. Long detail of their arms and furniture. The Queen's allowance for conduct money is but a halfpenny a mile, which is marvellous little. Preparations for embarking.

Sept. 28, 29. 74, 75. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council: Letters to be sent to Sir John Conway, the Archbp. of Canterbury, John Scudamore, Francis Hawley, and others. [*Two papers.*]

Sept. 29. Portsmouth. 76. Earl of Sussex to the Council. Contrary winds have delayed the embarkation of the soldiers; therefore he has given order for them to be supplied with provisions for five days longer. Has received a letter from the Earl of Cumberland, giving an account of all his actions since his departure. Eight or ten sail of Dunkirkers lie off Newhaven.

Sept. 30. 77. Andreas Chapman to his father John Chapman. The confusion of the wars prevents them from following their studies. Their master had taken them where they would be out of all danger of the soldiers. Latin.

Sept. 78. Robert Hulyor, deputy for the Mayor of Lynn, to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and Lord Admiral. Informs them that Nicholas Sabb, master of the Free Gift of Lynn, which served in the expedition against Spain, was dead, and that the ship had been wrecked only within 12 miles of Lynn. John Atkins, the captain, remains very ill and unable to travel.

Sept. 79. Account of Peter Buck of the charge as well for the keeping and repair of the ships in harbour for the Michaelmas quarter, as also for extraordinary reparations done upon them, and for the building of a great long storehouse at Chatham, ending the last of September 1589.

Sept. 80. Account by Philip Ellis of the charge for the keeping of the ships at Deptford, wages of clerks, labourers, cost of materials, &c., from the 1st of July to the last of September 1588.

Sept. 81. Brief declaration of the receipts and payments of Edward Baeshe and James Quarles, surveyors of the victuals for the Queen's Majesty's ships, from 1578 to 1588.

Sept. 82. Abstract of the ordinary charges, in Michaelmas quarter 1589, for the service of Her Majesty's ships at Chatham, Deptford, Woolwich and Portsmouth.

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Sept. 83. Estimate of the charge and of three months' pay for Her Majesty's ships on the Narrow Seas, from the 18th June 1589 to the 9th September following.

Sept. 84. Estimate of the charge and payment of Her Majesty's ships serving in the Narrow Seas, begun the 10th of September and to end the last of December 1589 inclusive.

Sept. 85. Declaration addressed to the Queen by Robert Michel of the abuses, deceits, and detainments committed by James Quarles, surveyor of provisions for the Navy, since his coming to that office, from the 1st of July 1587 to 31st September 1589.

Sept. 86. Articles against Mr. Tho. Wrenforde, apprehended by the consent of Sir John Russell, and Mr. George Winter, sheriff of Worcestershire, charged with harbouring traitors and seminary priests, particularly one Paul Spencer; and a charge against Mrs. Wrenforde of uttering seditious words.

Sept.? 87. Petition of Tho. James to the Council. For the release of his ship, the Pleasure, at Bristol, or that it may be employed speedily in Her Majesty's service.

Sept. 88. Note of the ships serving at sea under the charge of Sir Martin Frobisher, and in the Narrow Seas under Sir Henry Palmer.

Sept.? 89. Abstract of the licences granted by Her Majesty to the Merchants Adventurers of the 20th July 1564, and to the Lord Admiral, dated 11th September, 1589, for the exportation of cloths.

Sept.? 90. Secret information of the proceedings of Mr. Allat, and of the motives that induced him to go abroad after his liberation from prison to see his old friends and debtors in England, Scotland, France, and Italy. His visit to the Bishop of Ross. Information relative to the two Townleys, one receiving a pension of 30 crowns a month from the Prince of Parma. Dismissal of young Townley from Card. Allan's service.

Sept.? 91. Paper of intelligence indorsed by Burghley, "Jhõ. Spencer's "wrytȳg:" giving information against Papists and Recusants in England and abroad. A letter to be sent as from the Dean of Westminster to bring Mr. Allatt from Venice. Publication of Nich. Sanders' book De Schismate Anglicano. Death of Edw. Rushton. Book of Complaint from the Queen of Scots to her son, &c.

Sept.? 92. "The effect of the papers brought from Allatt by Spencer, "unto my Lord Treasurer." In the hand of Tho. Phelippes. Jo. Spencer was won by Allatt to undertake this journey to acquaint Lord Burghley with the course Allatt had entered

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into, with the privity of the late Sir Walter Mildmay, for discovery of the practices of fugitives and other enemies of the State in foreign parts. Particulars of the early career and employment of Allatt.

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Oct. 1. 1. Estimate of such anchors, cables, and other stores as shall be needful for the rigging and furnishing for sea service of the five new ships and two crumpsters, now in building.

Oct. 1. 2. Note of the powder remaining in Her Majesty's storehouses.

Oct. 1. 3. Amount of the quantities and prices of the saltpetre brought into the Tower since the last composition; and the names of the saltpetre men supplying the same.

Oct. 1? 4. Bond of Tho. and Robert Robynson, wherein they stand bound to deliver annually 20 thousand weight of saltpetre to John Evelyn, for the working of saltpetre within the city of London, to be converted into gunpowder.

Oct. 3. Woodstock. 5. Sir Henry Lee to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, Has received his letters requiring a general view of the whole state of the armour and weapons throughout the realm. That in the Tower was in such bad plight when delivered over to him, that he was ashamed to see it. Great losses by ill treatment and negligence. Has not the means to repair to Court, as desired; but hopes that his coming up may be forborne till November, that he may then stop two gaps with one bush.

Oct. 3. 6. Information given by George Gyppes of the abuses in furnishing canvas and other stores for the office of the Admiralty.

Oct. 4. 7. Account of anchors, cables, and naval stores required for furnishing the five new ships and two crompsters, now building at Deptford and Woolwich, with the names of the shipwrights building them: with note at the back, by Hawkyns and W. Borough, of an estimate for anchors, cordage, &c., for 31 of Her Majesty's ships and pinnaces, dated 11 Oct.

Oct. 5. Exeter. 8. The Earl of Bath and Justices of Devonshire to the Council. They have inquired into the regulations relative to the Stannaries, and find them to be very detrimental to Her Majesty's service, the former and accustomed liberties of the Justices of Devonshire being thereby much abridged. Question as to the extent of the jurisdiction of the Stannaries.

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Oct. 5. Holbrun (sic).
9. Anthony Ashley to Walsyngham. Many people have demanded of him the goods taken in the Peter of Lubeck; but he had refused to give them up. The vessel itself is new, and built for the King of Spain, and little remains in her not confiscable. Prays to be remembered in his poor estate, having been, during his absence, dispossessed of part of his house by a most vile and infamous shoemaker.

Oct. 5, 6.
10, 11. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Requests of the French Ambassador. Lord Willoughby's letter on behalf of the Low Country captains. Sir William Catesby's request, &c. [*Two papers.*]

Oct. 7. Brokett Hall.
12. Richard Spencer to D. Dale, in behalf of one Thomas Chester, touching a small suit he hath in the Court of Requests, wherein he is greatly damnified.

Oct. 8. Arches Court.
13. Sir Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to the Council. Has examined the complaint of George Harrison against Humfrey Browne and others, but could not bring the matter to an amicable compromise.

Oct. 9. Winchester.
14. The Mayor and Justices of Winchester to the Earl of Sussex. Desiring repayment of the money advanced by their town for the service of the soldiers before the expedition to Portugal.

Oct. 9.
15. Lord Burghley to the Officers of the Port of London. Note of licences granted for the exportation of beer in 1587, 1588, and 1589. Limitation of the number of licences for the year to come.

Oct. 10.
16. Account of the great and extraordinary charges demanded by Sir John Hawkyns for the Navy. Estimates for the new ships and crompsters.

Oct. 11. Cobham.
17. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Will return a certificate of the forces in Kent as soon as he can draw them into form, according to the order prescribed.

Oct. 12.
18. Memorandum of public business to be propounded in Council.

Oct. 14. Alderman Radcliff's house.
19. Dr. Christopher Parkins to Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice-Chamberlain. Mr. Young had advised him to write to the Council for leave to take his voyage to the East parts, being now convinced of his innocency. States several reasons why he could be of considerable service abroad among the merchants at Elbing.

Oct. 14. Aberston.
20. Marquis of Winchester to Walsyngham. Will send a certificate of the musters, which has only been delayed till the Earl of Sussex returned.

Oct. 14. Rycot.
21. Henry Lord Norreys to same. A review has been taken of men, horse, and armour, and a certificate shall be sent as soon as possible.

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Oct. 16. 22. Tho. Smythe, Farmer of the Customs, to Lord Burghley. His grief for Her Majesty's displeasure made him too ill to attend upon his lordship. Terms of his offer for the farm of the Customs. Cannot advance to any higher sum, having offered the utmost of their value. Desires his favor with Her Majesty.

Oct. 16. 23. Mr. Dowe's certificate of the bonds taken for the return of cask and clapboard.

Oct. 18. Newpark. 24. Earl of Derby to Walsyngham. Promises to send forthwith the certificate of the musters for his lieutenancy.

Oct. 18. Wrest. 25. Earl of Kent to the Council. Certifies his proceedings in the musters. He could not as yet certify the whole number of the forces, but the shire was well provided. Provision of powder, &c. The armories of the county are laid up in the towers of Bedford, Ampthill, and Shefford.

Oct. 18 ? 26. Examination of William Churche, sword bearer of the city of Hereford, as to the seizure of certain popish books and papers upon the person of a maid called Eleanor Morgan, servant to Mr. Seborne of Sutton. Thinks much more may be found out if the mayor's wife and others are examined.

Oct. 19. 27. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Earl of Bath's letter about the Stannaries; Sir Matthew Arundell; Dean and Prebendaries of Windsor; Wm. Churche of Hereford; petitions, &c.

Oct. 19. Richmond. 28. Order in Council to prevent the repair of private suitors to the Privy Council and referring them to the proper Courts of Justice.

Oct. 19. 29, 30. Note of the ships serving on the Narrow Seas under the command of Sir H. Palmer, and of those to be otherwise employed. [*In duplicate.*]

Oct. 21. Westminster. 31. Note of Commission from the Queen to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, Sir Francis Walsyngham, John Fortescue, Sir Gilbert Gerrard Master of the Rolls, Ralph Rookeby and John Popham, Esq., for the sale of Crown lands.

Oct 22. 32. Memoranda, by Walsyngham, of public business to be considered by Lord Burghley:—Irish Causes; the charging of Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake; discharge of prisoners in the Tower, &c. Note of articles against Norreys and Drake, at the back.

Oct. 22. Rome. 33. Testimonial and passport granted by William Cardinal Allen to Clement Throgmorton, to assist him on his departure from Rome. Latin.

Oct. 22. 34. Copy of the above.

Oct. 23. 35. Matters to charge Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake concerning their proceedings in the late voyage of Portugal, as not

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having performed the effect of such instructions as they received from Her Majesty. With the answers of Norreys and Drake to the same.

Oct. 23. 36. Earl of Lincoln to Lord Burghley. Has received his letters and those which had been taken past him to Lord Scroop. Retains the letters to the King of Scots, till he shall receive further instructions touching his journey to Scotland. Has left Her Majesty's carriages at Sir Ric. Malyvrey's house. Has heard the Princess (Anne of Denmark) will not arrive till the spring. Begs to be excused writing to Sir Tho. Heneage and Mr. Secretary, as he only had just returned home and was unwell.

Oct. 24. 37. Certificate by Sir Owyn Hopton of the names of prisoners remaining in the Tower, for Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Lodovick Greville, committed on suspicion of murder; John Hodgkins committed for printing Martin Marprelate's books.

Oct. 26. The Tower. 38. Sir Owyn Hopton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Renews his suit for release of Mr. Digby who stood indicted of treason with Sir Tho. Gerard. His friends offer to stand bound for him in 4,000*l.* to Her Majesty.

Oct. 26. 39. [Gilbert?] Gifford to his brother Edward, "that stole away "the ship to carry her to Dunkirk;" partly in cypher. Has received two letters for him from Ingram Thing. French.

Oct. 28. Basing. 40. Marquis of Winchester to Walsyngham. States the reasons that had delayed sending the certificate of the musters. *Incloses.*

40. I. *Certificate of the general musters of all the able men of the county of Southampton. Names of the Captains and Lieutenants, their arms and armour, &c. The whole number, furnished and unfurnished, being* 9,979 *able men.*

Oct. 28 41. Memorandum of lease from Launcelot Lovelace to Daniel Knowlyng of one tenement and garden thereunto belonging in Golding Lane in co. Middlesex; and a subsequent demise of the same to Robert Kyng.

Oct. 30. Croydon. 42. Earl of Essex to Walsyngham. In behalf of Captain Willcox, to whom Capt. Tanner is willing to resign the command of his company. He is honest and experienced in the wars.

Oct. 30. 43. Notarial instrument by Thomas Redman, notary public, declaring Thomas Seymour to be the lawful and legitimate son of Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, and Dame Katherine his wife, in accordance with a former declaration to the same effect, dated 25 November, 1580.

Oct. 31 44. Extract of a letter written from a Briton arrived at Bristol from Lisbon. General restraint of shipping throughout Spain, by King Philip, who is preparing a great army. The Spaniards had nearly taken Marseilles by surprise.

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Oct. 45. Note of the Letters Patent granted to Richard Wingfield, for concealments of first fruits and intrusions, dated on the 9th of May 1584.

Oct. Walton. 46. Godfrey Foljambe to Walsyngham. The Lady Foljambe was committed to his keeping by the Earl of Shrewsbury for recusancy. The accusation raised against him, that he had detained her and kept possession of her goods, after the order for her release, is a tale most untrue.

Oct. 47. Estimate of the charge for furnishing Her Majesty's ship the Antelope, to serve on the Narrow Seas, for two months. Signed by Hawkyns, W. Borough, and Benjamin Gonson.

Oct. 48. Particular note of the salaries and allowances of the clerks, keepers of storehouses, porters of timber yards, keepers of the plugs at the dock's head, and messengers, and sundry other ordinary charges yearly in Chatham, Deptford, Woolwich, and Portsmouth yards.

Oct. 49. Commission from the Queen to Dr. Julius Cæsar: authorizing him to hear and adjudicate in Admiralty causes summarily and "de plano," from the 1st of October 1581, and to be assisted therein by Sir Geo. Barnes and Sir Geo. Bond, aldermen, and Hugh Offley, Richard Saltonstall, and Richard Gourney, aldermen, and Thomas Aldersey and Thomas Bromley, merchants, all of the city of London.

Oct.? 50. Petitition of the poor Captains returned from the late Portugal voyage to the Council. That they have waited a long time for the settlement of their accounts. Request their long service and great charges may be considered.

Oct.? 51. Petition of Michael Pullison, captain of the Greyhound of Aldborough, and Adam Seager, captain of the Golden Noble of London, to same. Having served in the Portugal voyage under Norreys and Drake, and that Capt. Pullison had taken brass ordnance to the value of 200*l.*, and Seager to the value of 400*l.*, at the Groyne, which had been seized to Her Majesty's use, they humbly solicit they may receive some allowance and recompense for the said ordnance and their own services.

Oct.? 52. Abstract of the above petition.

Oct.? 53. Petition of Anthony Potts, of Newcastle, to the Council: desiring to be paid for the tonnage of his two ships which served in the Portugal voyage under Norreys and Drake.

Oct.? 54. Petition of John Allott to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Prays him to obtain Her Majesty's confirmation of the agreement concluded between him and Mr. Savile, touching the tenement purchased by him of Richard Genne, called Roydhouse, in the county of York.

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1589. Oct. 55. John Langham and John Vauxe, Churchwardens, and many others the most ancient Parishioners of the parish of St. Magnus, London, to Walsyngham. Having received Her Majesty's letters in favor of one Clement Howley, for the reversion of a house in New Fish Street, called "The Sunne," they immediately held a solemn vestry, but found Her Majesty's request might not be yielded unto, without great prejudice to the parish. Howley had urged his suit under false suggestions. *Inclosing,*

55. 1. *Certain allegations why the parishioners of St. Magnus, within the city of London, cannot yield to the request of Clement Howley for a lease in reversion of a house called "The Sunne," belonging unto the said parish.*

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1589. Nov. 2. 1. Memorial by Mr. Myddlemore of the suits granted to him by Her Majesty. Had first a grant of concealed lands, then a licence for bowstaves, then for transporting pease and beans, and other grants. Has served Her Majesty above 20 years, without fee or wages.

Nov. 3. Harborow. 2. Tho. Southwell to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Doubts if his last letters have been delivered. Assures him of his devotion for his honor's prosperity and his loyalty to Her Majesty, wherein none shall exceed him. Hopes soon to send him some fruits of his zealous love.

Nov. 4. Richmond. 3. Instructions by the Queen to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, and others, commissioners for the sale of Her Majesty's lands.

Nov. 6. Rye. 4. The Mayor of Rye and Thomas Beveridge to Walsyngham. Return of many of the soldiers from the army in France under Lord Willoughby. Has committed eight of them to prison, who had returned without passports. Desires to know what order shall be taken with them. *Incloses,*

4. 1. *Certificate of the names of the soldiers who had come over from Dieppe to Rye since the 28th of October.*

Nov. 8. 5. The examination of Hendrick Williamson, of East Smithfield, relative to his knowledge of John Maria Forland and other foreigners.

Nov. 10. 6. Certificate from Sir John Hawkyns and others of the charge for the building of new ships. Sums due and required by each of the shipwrights, Matthew Baker, Peter Pett, and Richard Chapman.

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Nov. 12. 7. The deposition of Anthonio Dyes, a Portuguese, taken before the Judge of the Admiralty, touching the capture of a ship named the Amoria of St. Sebastian's, laden with Brazil wood. Falsification of her charter party and bills of lading previous to the capture.

Nov. 12. 8. Copy of the preceding.

Nov. 14. Richmond. 9. Warrant of Queen Elizabeth to the Lord Chancellor, authorizing him to issue commissions for appointing provost marshals.

Nov. 14. 10. Form of commission to be issued to the Lord Lieutenants of the several shires, authorizing them to appoint provost marshals for the apprehension and punishment of soldiers, mariners, and other vagrant and masterless persons and sturdy vagabonds.

Nov. 14. Rome. 11. Testimonial and passport of Joseph Creswell, Rector of the English College at Rome, in favor of Clement Throgmorton. Latin.

Nov. 15. 12. Grant of Letters Patents to Sir Edward Stanley of encroachments on Crown lands and tenements in Middlesex and Surrey. Latin.

Nov. 15. Doctors' Commons. 13. Dr. Julius Cæsar to Lord Burghley. Certifies him that Barth. Shorer and Gawyn Van Alden, merchants of Germany, resident in London, had presented to him petitions for the restoration of certain goods belonging to German merchants taken by Sir John Norreys and Sir Fr. Drake at Cascales.

Nov. 16. 14. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Complaint against Clyfford and the rest; petition of inhabitants of the seven Hundreds in Kent; prisoners in the Tower; the matter between Gyttyns and the informer; complaint against the Bishop of St. Davids, &c.

Nov. 16? 15. Petition of Marmaduke Middleton, Bishop of St. David's, to the Council. Demands to know the name of his accuser, that he might the better be able to answer the articles objected against him; and that his accuser may be compelled to specify his charges.

Nov. 16. 16. Answer of Stephen Soame, Sheriff of London, to the points contained in the letter of the Merchants Adventurers of the 16th of November, touching the exportation of cloths to the Low Countries.

Nov. 16. Somerset House. 17. The Council to Lord Burghley. Requiring him to appoint provost marshals throughout his lieutenancy for executing martial law on all disbanded soldiers and vagrants committing any insolencies, depredations, or enormities upon Her Majesty's subjects.

Nov. [16.] 18. Account of incidental expenses of the household for the year 31 Eliz.

Nov [16.] 19. The names of the Commissioners Ecclesiastical, anno 26 Eliz., who continued by that commission until anno 31 Eliz., and then renewed; with notes of former renewals.

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Nov. 18. 20. Orders and directions for the better government of the Office of the Ordnance, appointed by the Earl of Warwick, master of the said office.

Nov. 18. 21. Owen Salusbury to Walsyngham. Specifies the form and order in which the pardon for himself and others may be procured.

Nov. 18? 22. Commission of Lord Burghley to Humphrey Coningesby, appointing him provost marshal of the county of Hertford, for the apprehension of all such soldiers, mariners, masterless men, and vagrants as shall be wandering about the county, contrary to Her Majesty's proclamation of 13th November 1589.

Nov. 18. 23. Instructions given by Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, to his deputy lieutenants, for the due execution of the office of Provost Marshal within the said county: by virtue of Her Majesty's commission of lieutenancy dated 18th November 1589.

Nov. 18. St. Omers. 24. [ ] to Mistress Mary Shelley at Rouen. Has received all her letters and sent them into England. Her sister Copley sent her man for money a year ago, but they have heard nothing yet of it.

Nov. 19. Rome. 25. Testimonial and passport given by Frater Timotheus Bottonius, vicar general of the Predicant Friars, to Clement Throgmorton, on his way to Lower Germany.

Nov 20. Rome. 26. Nicholas Fitzherbert to Thomas Throgmorton at Brussels. His cousin Mr. [Clement?] Throgmorton, having finished his devotions, intends now to return. Is sorry he has not been able to pleasure him in every way as his heart desired.

Nov. 20. 27. Examination of Tho. Money, relative to the gold and other property taken by him from the Spaniards in Ireland. Denies having received any money, plate, or jewels to be kept for the use of any of the Spaniards.

Nov. 23. Rome. 28. Testimonial and passport given by Frater Francis de Aicubiaga of the order of the Friars Minors to Clement Throgmorton, on his departure from Rome.

Nov. 24. Aberston. 29. Marquis of Winchester to the Council. The country willingly consented to the maintenance of a provost marshal. Desires that Mr. Henry Gifford may be continued in that office.

Nov. 24. 30. Estimate of the charge of six ships for one month, to transport Lord Willoughby and the soldiers from Sherborne or Caen, in Normandy, over into England.

Nov. 25. 31. Examination of Robert Bellamy. Manner of his escape from Newgate; from thence to Scotland, and then over to to Hamburgh. His arrest in the Palsgrave's country and conveyance to Heidelburgh to Duke Casimir.

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Nov. 28. Aylton. 32. Robert Sapcotes and Tho. Cotton to the Council. On examination they find the goods of Robert Turner, of Aylton, to be worth more than 360*l.*, yet he refuses to advance 25*l.* on Her Majesty's privy seal, setting a bad example to the rest of her subjects. The privy seal he received very unreverently. His imputations against Robert Bevill are unfounded.

Nov. 29? 33. Note of the wrongs done by Sir John Perrot unto Captain Thomas Lee. Capt. Lee's services in Ireland. Various points of ill treatment done or suffered by Sir John. His ill services to Lee since he has been in the Council.

Nov 30. 34. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Sir John Perrot's answer to Tho. Lea's complaints; letter in favor of Capt. Strange; complaints of the Danes, &c.

Nov. 35. Note of money laid out for Her Majesty's service by Lieutenant Harte.

Nov. 36. Account of debts due and owing by the Office of the Navy in anno 1589.

Nov. 37. Note of a suit to Her Majesty for a lease of the Manor of Ravensworth, co. York, parcel of the possessions of the late Marchioness of Northampton. Latin.

Nov. 38. L. Engelstedt to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Gives him particulars of the contract entered into between Her Majesty and him for the manufacture and supply of saltpetre. Sends him news from Poland and Germany. French.

Nov. 39. Informations against Robert Goldesborowe, a recusant, who had, under his own hand, defaced an English Bible in three places; and hath openly affirmed that all the ministers in England are knaves.

Nov. 40. [ ] to Walsyngham. Information respecting the value of the parsonage of Godman-Chester.

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1859.
Dec. 1. London. 1. Sir John Hart, Lord Mayor, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has inquired into the outrage offered to the gentlemen from Denmark, and committed John Awdelly to prison for the same. Examination of others upon that matter. Desires further directions as to Audley. *Incloses,*

1. I. *Certain interrogatories propounded to such as the Lord Mayor caused to be examined on oath, concerning the outrage committed against the King of Denmark's gentleman sent unto Her Majesty, which outrage happened on the last of October. Examinations and answers of various persons thereon, from the 25th to the 28th of November.*

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Dec. 2. 2. A note of such new sails as are requisite to be made for the furnishing of six of Her Majesty's ships appointed to the seas under Sir John Hawkyns.

Dec. 1. 3. Abstract of the provision of anchors, cables, cordage, &c., that are to be supplied for furnishing the six ships appointed to the seas under the charge of Sir J. Hawkyns.

Dec. 2. 4. Names of the Commissioners for restraint of the exportation of grain, dated the 23rd of December, 1588; with the names of those desired to be added in the new commission.

Dec. 3. 5. Examinations of two Seminary Priests taken at Dover. The first examination of the elder man with one eye, under his counterfeit, name of Wm. Richardson; his second examination under the name of Miles Gerard. Examination of the younger man, first by the name of Laurence Leighley, and the second time by the name of Francis Dickinson. Taken by Jeffrey Glydd, mayor, and Tho. Gylberte, scrutator, of Dover.

Dec. 4. West Camel. 6. Francis Hastings to the Council. Has spoken with John Dampire in behalf of his son William Dampire, and he promises to do everything in his power, if any good order could be taken between the two brothers, Thomas and William Dampire.

Dec. 4. 7. Estimate for victualling the ships now serving on the Narrow Seas.

Dec. 6. 8. Memoranda of public business by Sir Henry Cocke:—Provost marshals to be continued. Wandering and impotent people to be relieved in their own shires.

Dec. 6. 9. Examination of Francis Englefield before Sir John Perrot, concerning the assurance of Sir Francis Englefield's lands. Being willed to tell the truth, he saith that truth is not to be told at all times.

Dec. 6. 10. Examination of Francis Fytton before Sir John Perrot, concerning the conveyance of Sir Fr. Francis Englefield's lands.

Dec. 6. 11. Brief report of the money received by the Commissioners for the sale of Her Majesty's lands.

Dec. 7. 12. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—The Lord Chief Baron's answer. Perrot's answer to Capt. Lee's complaint.

Dec. 7. Richmond. 13. The Council to Dr. Cæsar and others of the Court of Admiralty. Desiring them to examine into the complaint of John Michellet, a French merchant, whose suit had been commended to them by M. Beauvoir, the French Ambassador.

Dec. 8. 14. Particulars of the rate of entertainment allowed to Her Majesty's troops serving in France.

Dec. 8. 15. The monthly charge for the entertainment of Her Majesty's army in France.

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Dec. 8. 16. Capt. Anthony Wingfield to Thos. Wylkes, clerk of the Council. Requests him to finish the perusal of the preface to his book of the service of Portugal.

Dec. 8 ? 17. The names of the Captains that lately served in France under Lord Willoughby.

Dec. 8 ? 18. Estimate by Richard Peter of the proportion of victuals for 3,000 men for seven days, to be transported from Caen in Normandy.

Dec. 8. 19. Note of Her Majesty's charge for the sending and revocation of her army in France.

Dec. 8. Richmond. 20. The Council to Thos. Wylkes. Desiring him to inquire of Sir John Norreys, Sir Fr. Drake, and the Commissioners, concerning the complaints made by certain merchants touching the loss of their goods in the late voyage to Portugal.

Dec. 9. Westminster. 21. Lord Burghley to Sir Henry Cocke and Sir John Brokett, Deputy Lieutenants of Hertford. The county being cleared of many idle and vagrant persons, the provost marshals need only ride together three days every fortnight. Allowance to them. Special sessions to be held for the trial of disbanded soldiers and vagrants. Order for watch and ward.

Dec. 9. Richmond. 22. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Thomas Wylkes. Directions for the release of Lancelott Stoker from the Compter prison in the Poultry, upon bond for his good behaviour. *Incloses,*

22. I. *Petition of Lancelott Stoker, praying to be released from prison, his wife and children being starving.*

Dec. 9. 23. Bond of Lancelott Stoker in the sum of 100*l.* for his good behaviour towards Her Majesty and the State.

Dec. 9. 24. Note of the monthly charge of Her Majesty's army in France.

Dec. 10. Lathom House. 25. Earl of Derby to the Council. Had taken great pains to investigate the causes of the late riot near Preston among the individuals and followers of one Singleton, of Staynings. Deaths of Thomas Houghton and Richard Bawdwen. Thomas Langton sore wounded.

Dec. 11. 26. Information given by John Warener, a substantial yeoman of Banisterbridge in Westmoreland, concerning the intercourse and great increase of seminary priests and Jesuits in that county. Names of many seminary priests. The only means to take the said Papists and priests must be by a private search under a commission to some one or two trusty gentlemen.

Dec. 12. London. 27. James Dalton and Nicholas Fuller to the Council They had examined the two seminary priests named Miles Gerard and Francis Dickenson. Their commission of Oyer and Determiner for London

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Middlesex is void by the change of the mayor. Dickenson was a young man, very arrogant, and a desperate person. *Inclosing,*

27. I. *Examination of Francis Dickenson, taken the 3rd of December.*

27. II. *Examination of Miles Gerard, taken the same day.*

Dec. 12. Mincing Lane. 28. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Has put everything in a state of forwardness at Chatham. Desires to receive 4,000*l.* of the new warrant and the 1,000*l.* remaining of the warrant of the 29th of May.

Dec. 14. 29. Remembrances from the Earl of Sussex to move the Lord Treasurer for payment of the expenses of the works at Portsmouth, and for the shipping and provisions sent to the Lord Admiral.

Dec. 16. 30. Petition of John Stokes, merchant of London, to Lord Burghley. That he may receive payment for the cordage taken by the Officers of the Navy for Her Majesty's use.

Dec. 17. 31. Information against Charles Slead, gentleman of Kent, for the making of starch without licence. His determination to continue the manufacture of starch, as the laws of the land permitted him so to do.

Dec. 17. London. 32. John Calthorp to Tho. Wykles. Desires him to deal with Mr. Secretary in his behalf, that Mr. Woodward might be induced to receive 70*l.* and release him from prison.

Dec. 17. 33. Indenture between Richard Hill, George Constable, and John Grange, saltpetre and gunpowder makers, of the one part, and George Hogge of the other part, granting to the said Hogge an annuity or yearly sum of 30*l.* for the term of eleven years, according to the patent granted to George Evelyn, Richard Hill, and John Evelyn, for the getting, working, and making of saltpetre and gunpowder.

Dec. 17. Westminster. 34. Grant to Francis Cockes, yeoman of the pantry, and to Walter Cockes his son (on the death of William Cockes, another son,) an annuity of 4*l.* a year and one couple of hounds, as a quit-rent out of the manor of Horwood, co. Stafford, parcel of the possessions of Francis Lord Lovell, attainted, and also the customs and tolls of the markets and fairs of the town of Knighton, co. Radnor. Subsequently altered in King James's time for grant of the same to John Rogers.

Dec. 18. 35. Declaration by James Quarles of the loss sustained by the return of the provisions shipped for transporting the 3,000 men from Caen. His suit for present payment.

Dec. 19. London. 36. Richard Saltonstall, Governor of the Company of Merchants Adventurers, to Walsyngham. They have recommended Mr. Alderman Some's cause to the Company resident at Stoad, in respect of the Council's recommendation, but not for any desert of his own.

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Dec. 19. London. 37. Dr. Julius Cæsar to Walsyngham. Desires a warrant for the apprehension of John Waddon, a pirate, and that he may be brought to London. Want of a yearly circuit for trying matters of piracy. He would undertake that office if Her Majesty would permit him to be sworn a Master of Requests.

Dec. 19. 38 Certificate of the names of the prisoners remaining in the Marshalsea, with the dates of their commitment.

Dec. 20. 39. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council: —Mr. Wortley's request. Petition of Tho. Robinson, Mayor of Sudbury. Supplication of the town of Halstead. Lady Gresham's letter, &c.

Dec. 22. 40. Statement of allowance claimed by Mr. Ralph Lane for certain special employments of himself since the ending of the Portugal voyage.

Dec. 22. 41. Petition of Joachim Porsell, master of the Jonas of Dansque, to the Council. That his ship, laden with corn, was taken by the English fleet on the coast of Spain, and compelled to serve in that expedition. Prays that he may be allowed his freight with provisions and other furniture. Certificate of the quantities of grain taken out of the said ship. With note by Sir John Hawkins and other commissioners of the stay of delivery of the iron belonging to Joachim Porsell. 22 Dec. 1589.

Dec. 22. 42. Note of the quantity of meal taken out of Joachim Porsell's ship.

Dec. 22. 43. Needful provision of naval stores to be sent to Ireland for refitting Her Majesty's gallion, the Popinjay. Directions relative to the same by Sir John Hawkyns.

Dec. 25. The Court. 44. Lord Burghley to Tho. Wylkes. Sends him a summary journal received from Mr. Fludd of the King's actions and Lord Willoughby's letter, from which it appears that Her Majesty's troops were in distress for want of pay. Desires him to acquaint the French Ambassador with these advertisements.

Dec. 27. Rycot. 45. Sir John Norreys to same. Thanks for his letter. He always thought the book would be called in, but is not sorry it was out. Has requested Her Majesty's permission to go to Flanders on his own private business.

Dec. 28. 46. Extract of the depositions about the libels against the Bishop and Dean of Gloucester.

Dec. 28. 47. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council: —Beacons in Devonshire. Dover beach. Memorial for the loan. Petition of the governors of Bridewell, &c.

Dec. 28 ? 48. Petition of the Governors of Bridewell, London, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, praying that some order may be taken for relief of the poor prisoners in that house, committed principally for causes ecclesiastical. Names of the prisoners committed.

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1589. Dec. 49. Note of the sums issued by warrant to Sir Fr. Walsyngham and others to be employed, for secret service, according to such directions as shall be given by Her Majesty from April 1585 to December 1589. In October 1586 the sum of 1,000*l.* was issued to Sec. Davison, and in June 1588, 500*l.* was paid to Sec. Walsyngham, as a quarterly allowance at the rate of 2,000*l.* a year, to be paid over to such persons as Her Majesty hath appointed him.

Dec. 50. The Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury, "her very good old man." Desires to hear of his health, especially at this time of the fall of the leaf, and hopes that he may not be touched with the wonted attempts of his accustomed enemy, the gout. Persuades him to permit his wife sometimes to have access to him, which she hath now of a long time wanted.

Dec. 51. Inventory of brass ordnance of Her Majesty's own, remaining in the bulwarks, forts, and towns within the realm of England.

Dec 52. Notes relative to the letting of certain lands belonging to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to Mr. Drake upon the expiration of the present leases. Increase in the rental of the manor of Paddington objected to by Mr. Drake. Signed by Sir Fr. Walsyngham and Dean [Alex.?] Nowell.

Dec. 53. Account of charges of Michael Sondes, Esq. for expenses while master of the ordnance in the county of Kent.

"Breefe rehearsall of the causes of the present disorder in the "Office of Armes, and how the same may be reformed," referring them chiefly to the dissensions between [Sir William Dethick] Garter king-at-arms, and Clarencieux and Norroy, by Robert Glover, Somerset Herald. [*Dom. Corresp., James I., Vol.* 132, *No.* 83, *p.* 51.]

London. 54. Johan Von Gronne (?) to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has been informed by one Gonsalo de Salesar, a Spanish Jesuit, that the King of Spain intended to fit out a grand fleet and army for the conquest of England. Latin.

55. Petition of William Michelot, merchant of St. Maloes, to the Queen. Prays for the revision of the judgment given against him in the Court of Admiralty for capture of the Bear of Chester and the Catherine of Dover, at the suit of certain merchants of Chester, *Annexed,*

55. 1. *Proposed commission from the Queen to Drs. Wm. Drury and Tho. Martin for revision of the sentence against Wm. Michelot for capture of the Bear of Chester. At the foot of this commission is a note by Burghley "This "Commission is both reasonable and necessary," and underneath signed by Lords Burghley, Howard, and Cobham, and by Sir F. Walsyngham and Dr. Julius Cæsar.*

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56. Petition of Anthony Hamyllton to Sir F. Walsyngham and Sir Tho. Heneage. Conditions upon which John Barker, parson of Everdon, let to him the parsonage of Everdon, co. Northampton. Prays that order may be taken with Mr. Barker for the payment of the money owing by him to the petitioner for support of his wife, Grace Barker. *Annexed,*

56. I. *Summons from the Privy Council for the appearance of John Barker, parson of Everdon, before the Council, to answer to such matter as shall be objected against him.*

57. Substance of the complaint of Edmund Cotton against Tho. Harvie, for fraudulently procuring the conveyance of divers lands and tenements in Norfolk from John Ponnett and Anne his wife, very aged persons.

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58. Note of the value of lands near Lewisham, in Kent, formerly in the possession of John Earl of Warwick. Latin.

59. Petition of William Colston, of Bristol to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires that the two Dutch boats which were staid by him might not be released till he had received satisfaction for his losses from the Admiralty of Zealand.

60. Valuation of the manor of Launceston, in the county of Cornwall.

61. Two supplications of the Merchants of the Staple of England to the Council. The answer of the Merchants Adventurers of England to the petition of the Mayor, Constables, and Fellowship of the Merchants of the Staple. Points to prove that cloths are no staple merchandise.

62. Statement of the indignities offered by the King of Spain to Her Majesty at various times since her accession.

63. Provocations given by the King of Spain to Her Majesty.

64. "Project for the annoying of the King of Spain in the terri-"tories about him:" by exciting civil and intestine war in Spain. Division of Spain into two parts, of Aragon and Castille. Italian.

65. Brief abstract by Mr. Cuffe of the lands and possessions belonging to Recusants, extended by him in the several shires of Monmouth, York, Gloucester, Oxford, Hereford, Stafford, Lancaster, Cornwall, London, Surrey, Essex, Berks, Westmorland, and Derby.

66. State of the suit between Mr. Perkins and Mr. Knighton in an action for debt, committed for determination to Mr. Rokeby, Master of Requests. Perkins desires to have the benefit of the law against Knighton.

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1589? 67. Note by Mr. Quarles of certain necessary provisions to be laid presently into the storehouses at Portsmouth towards the victualling of Her Majesty's whole navy: of such kinds as the waste thereof, by keeping, will not be great.

68. Propositions by Mr. Worsely for recovery of penalties growing by convictions for recusancy.

69. Description of three newly-invented instruments of warlike affairs: first, to protect the caliver shot; second, to convey soldiers over ditches at a siege; third, to disable the enemy either of horse or foot.

70, 71. Note of the effects of the engines of war, newly invented by Wm. Engelbert, of which 200 have been delivered into the Tower. Effects of an engine for a battery, and of a bullet for Her Majesty's ships, which, on firing, will discharge at one instant seven score caliver shot, and will kill any man though he have on armour of proof. [*Two copies.*]

72. Note by Wm. Englebert of the charge for making 100 of the engines lately devised for throwing shot to a great distance with superior effect. Probable effect of the same if they had been employed by Leicester or by the Prince of Parma in the Low Countries.

73, 74. Demand by Wm. Engelbert for the making of 200 engines of war at 3*l.* a piece, and for 15 bullets to each engine at 2*s.* each. Desires leave to dispose of his invention to some foreign Prince, if not accepted by Her Majesty. [*Two copies.*]

75. Extracts from ancient decrees and statutes touching the authority of Archbishops and Bishops. Latin.

76. Petition of William Pollard to Sir Chr. Hatton: against the vexatious suits of John Lock, an attorney of the Common Pleas, by whose wilful perjury he was nearly ruined and was now in prison. Desires that the cause may be committed to the hearing of some gentlemen.

77. An estimate of the charge for manning the galley Bonavolia, when she serveth at the seas, besides the slaves or rowers: there will be fifty banks in the galley which will require 150 slaves. [*In the handwriting of Sir John Hawkyns.*]

78. Confession of George Snape of the names of Seminary Priests and the places of their abode; viz., Chapman, John Filbye, John Stransom, Hopton, Oliver Amon, Eaton, Jackson a Queen Mary's priest, John Rime, and other: signed "Ryc. Young."

79. Considerations offered by Martin Ganzer to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, in favor of his cause. One Gascoygne encourages his adversaries.

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80. Collection of precedents when princes of the blood and other illustrious personages have been employed as ambassadors or commissioners to treat with foreign states; with a suggestion, in Walsyngham's hand, for the formation of a collection of embassies.

81. Answer, to the request of Sir Robert Chester, in regard to payments to the Orphan's Fund and general management of the Orphanage of the city of London.

82. The truth of the matter and causes whereof have followed to D. Dethicke many troubles in consequence of his obtaining a canonry in the church of St. Paul's at Liege, his imprisonment for two years past, danger of being murdered, accused of heresy, and finally charged to favor the state of England.

83. Notes for Mr. Secretary for the fortifying the three forts at Milford Haven and one at Duncannon in Waterford Haven.

84. Petition of the Poor Prisoners in Newgate to the Lord Admiral. That the sentence, "If they be by law bailable," may be struck out of his letter to the Recorder of London for their release, and then they would gladly enter Her Majesty's service.

85. Legal opinion on several points of law touching the property of Recusants, particularly with regard to the lands of J. L., a fugitive.

86. Memorandum of some person's debts. The Lord Treasurer hath undertaken for 2,000*l.*; Twickenham is mortgaged for 1,200*l.*

87. Substance of the bill preferred by Edw. Nevill Lord Bergavenny, to assure a jointure to Mary, daughter of Lord Buckhurst, whom Henry Nevill, his eldest son, intendeth to marry.

88. A true report and collection of such slanderous speeches as [Henry ?] Lane doth use in his articles, his protestation, and his letters against the Earl of Huntingdon; particularly as to depriving him and his brother Edward Lane of their lease of the mines of Canford.

89. A paper on the succession of the Crown, declaring the Queen's present right thereto and to the nomination of her successor, and declaring the right of Parliament to make and establish laws for the title and succession of the Crown.

90. Petition of Margaret Overend, widow, to Sir F. Walsyngham, praying for some speedy order to be taken in the case between her and her adversary Philip Smithe, for money claimed by Smithe against the estate of Hugh Overend. *Annexing,*

90. 1. *Order set down by Dr. B. Swale in the suit between Hugh Overend and Margaret his wife, against Philip Smith, Nicholas Muce, and Richard Hunt, defendants.*

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91. The state of the cause in suit and controversy of law between William Smith, administrator of Thomas Elliot, deceased, on the one part as plaintiff, and Roger Vander Colge, of London, merchant stranger, on the other part, defendant.

92. Petition of John Major *alias* Awdrye, a printer of satin and cloth of silver, to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Having become bound in 200*l.* for payment of the debts of Garrot Swyfte, now prisoner in the Marshalsea, prays that Swyfte may not be released till he has discharged his debt to the petitioner.

93. Petition of Sir Tho. Gorges, Captain of Hurst Castle. Desires to have allowance of arms and munition for the defence of the castle.

94. Petition of Thomas Carter, of the Middle Temple, to Sir F. Walsyngham. Stating the intention of himself and others of the town of Ashborn, co. Derby, to found a free grammar school there; and desiring to purchase certain houses near the said town, belonging to the Queen, as an endowment for the school.

95. Abstract of the ancient customs and new imposts in the islands of Zante, Cephalonia and Candia, under the government of Venice, on wines and currants imported; as also, the ancient customs and new imposts on the same in England. Imposts on the licence granted to Tho. Cordell and his company expired the 6th April 1589.

96. Note of the imposts payable by the Venice merchants in England by the Act of Henry VIIth on the Venetians levying a tax on wine of 4 ducats a butt.

97. A discourse of the commodity of the taking of the Straits of Magellan. The peril likely to ensue to all princes of Europe if the King of Spain be suffered to enjoy Portugal with the East Indies. Three propositions:—1st, the Straits of Magellan to be taken and fortified; 2d, the Isle of St. Vincent in Brazil to be taken and kept; 3d, the north-east strait to be discovered with all speed, and drawn to trade. Description of the Straits of Magellan and of the islands within it.

98. Petition of Ric. Butler, the captain, and others of the bark Burton, belonging to Sir Walter Raleigh, to Walsyngham. Praying that they may retain possession of their portion of a Spanish prize, taken by them on its passage from the West Indies.

99. The answer of Tho. Parry to the supplication of John Bysse, who had, by the suggestion of Parry, been apprehended for a recusant. Money transactions and suits in law between Bysse and Rice Jones.

100. Heinrick Van Suest to Walsyngham (?) Solicits the repayment of upwards of 3,000*l.* advanced by him to divers noblemen, captains and others, chiefly on the credit of the late Earl of Leicester; and also the sum of 27*l.* 7*s.*, lent to Lord Willoughby.

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101. Note of licences granted by the Queen to various parties to export divers quantities of cloths from the first year of her reign down to the licence in her 31st year to Lord Hunsdon to transport 20,000 cloths in six years. In the 30th year of her reign Sir Walter Raleigh had licence to export 8,000 cloths in four years.

The Queen to Archbp. Whitgyfte, to present David Tuke to the vicarage of Bray, co. Berks, during the vacancy of the see of Salisbury. Latin. [*See Warrant Book, No. I., p.* 32.]

The Queen to Archbp. Whitgyfte, to present William Leigh to the vicarage of St. Helens, Berks, in the vacancy of the see of Salisbury. Latin. [*See Warrant Book, No. I., p.* 31.]

The Queen to Thomas, Bishop of Winchester [Cowper?], to present William Cox to the rectory of Headley, co. Southampton, vacant by the resignation of Francis Cox. Latin. [*See Warrant Book, No. I., p.* 32.]

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Jan. 2. Court at Richmond.

1. The Council to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. General directions for putting in readiness the forces of the shire before the 1st of March, in consequence of the preparations of the King of Spain. The captains and officers not to be absent out of the shire. Provisions of shot, powder, and match. Adulteration of powder, by putting shot into it to increase the weight. *Inclosing,*

1. 1. *Proportion of match and powder to be supplied for the town of Boston and city of Lincoln.*

Jan. 4. 2, 3. Estimate of the charge of erecting six houses in the bulwarks at Portsmouth, and for repairs of Godshouse, and other works. [*In duplicate.*]

Jan. 4. 4. Copy of the above, with marginal directions by Burghley.

Jan. 4. 5. Account of the debts of Sheriffs in several shires, with the value of their lands. Signed by Peter Osborne and Thomas Moryson.

Jan. 4. 6. Similar account of debts of Sheriffs of several other shires. Signed by Moryson only.

Jan. 10. 7. Estimate by George Nevy of the expense for repairing the damage done by the late storm to "Godshouse" at Portsmouth.

Jan. 12. 8 Certificate of the lances and light horse viewed at the musters for the county of Hertford; with a note of the defaults and defects.

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Jan. 13. 9. Request of John Stanhope that Mr. Androes shall make a lease of his prebend of Southwell, called "Northmuskeham," to the Queen for 60 years to his use, on condition that he should pay the arrears of rent.

Jan. 13. 10. Another request to the same purport as the preceding.

Jan. 14. London. 11. Sir John Norreys to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. His opinion on Mr. York's instructions touching the fortifications to be erected in Munster. Recommends that if danger to Her Majesty is anticipated from Spain they should be commenced without delay. Desires to know Her Majesty's resolution as to himself, as his estate is so miserable he cannot any longer live in the way he does. He has spent all his own money, and a great deal more of his father's.

Jan. 15. 12. A list of the companies of the late army engaged in the expedition against Portugal, with the names of the captains, and an abstract out of the same of the total numbers of the whole.

Jan. 17. Tuthill. 13. Arthur Lord Grey, of Wilton, to Walsyngham. Sends certificate of musters for the county of Buckingham.

Jan. 18. Syttingborne. 14. William Crowmer and John Ayscoughe to Lord Cobham. Have examined divers persons touching Capt. Ascanius Clyfford's usage of his soldiers. *Inclosing,*

14. I. *Substance of the depositions of various persons, touching the corruption used by Capt. Clyfford in the levying of his soldiers, sums of money and articles of value given by the soldiers to the Captain for their discharge.* 7 *Oct.* 1589.

14. II. *Second examinations of the inhabitants of the Hundreds of Milton, Tenham, Faversham, and Boughton, as to the corrupt practices of Capt. Clyfford.* 10 *Jan.* 1859.

Jan. 20. Southampton 15. Peter Stoner, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Southampton to Walsyngham. Desiring remuneration for the ammunition supplied by them to the Lord Admiral when he was engaged with the Spanish fleet. *Inclosing,*

15. I. *Bill of the powder, shot, and match, sent to the Lord Admiral from Southampton, when his Honor was in fight against the Spanish fleet.*

Jan. 20. 16. Note of munitions necessary to be provided for Her Majesty's town of Portsmouth, now needful to be had in store.

Jan. 20. 17. Cardinal Allen to Lord Paget at Brussels. Is sorry for the foul fact he mentions, and laments the irremediable disunion of their banished men,—a plague of God far more heavy than their banishment. Will do all that in him lieth to redress the same. At the time of his dangerous sickness when he departed from Rheims, he made away with all his cyphers. His Majesty has nominated him

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to Mechlin, but he durst not venture to come thither where he is like to find nothing but misery and discontentment.

Jan. 20. 18. Copy of the preceding.

Jan. 21. 19. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Her Majesty is content Lord Willoughby shall have access to her on Friday, at Lambeth. She is much displeased with Sir John Borough, and conceiveth also somewhat hardly of Lord Willoughby.

Jan. 21. 20. Same to same. The Queen is resolved that Mr. Rogers shall go into Denmark, and Sir Horatio Palavicino into Germany. Their instructions to be prepared. Her Majesty desires a letter to be written to Mr. Bowes to select some noble meet lady to supply Her Majesty's place in the christening of the Earl of Bothwell's daughter, and that he is to provide some pieces of plate to the value of four-score pounds. There is good variety of plate of French making in Edinburgh, the fashion whereof is such as will make a great show, though not so much in value.

Jan. 21. Corfe Castle. 21. Francis Hawley to same. Details his proceedings with Atkinson in the delivery of the Danish flyboat, which had suffered damage in the late great tempest. Wilful negligence of Atkinson in the whole business.

Jan. 22. 22. Tho. Randolphe and William Crowmer to same. They have sent to the Council the examinations certifying the corruptions used by Capt. Clyfford in the levying of his soldiers. The country is much grieved therewith and greatly complain.

Jan. 25. London. 23. Sir Edmund Vuedall to same. His kindness has more restored him than all the physic or physicians in the world. Necessity obliges him to renew the suit he made to his Honour before going into France. Death of his father, who has left him little or nothing.

Jan. 26. 24. Lord Chief Baron Manwood to Lord Burghley. Sends a paper enclosed for satisfaction of his lordship's speech.

Jan. 26. 25. [Lord Burghley] to the Deputy Lieutenants of Lincoln, Essex, and Hertford. Sends copy of the Council's letters for putting in readiness the forces of those counties, for the general muster on the 1st of March; the captains and trained soldiers not to be absent from the shires.

Jan. 28. Comb-Sydenham. 26. Sir George Sydenham to Walsyngham. Is unable to proceed in the musters for the county of Somerset, Sir Henry Barkley being absent. Desires instructions how to proceed in his absence, as the lawyers are of opinion their commission to levy men is not effectual but in time of actual rebellion or invasion.

Jan. 28. Westminster. 27. Warrant from Sir Fr. Walsyngham for the apprehension of John Small, William Acrigg and Barnes for certain outrages committed by them in the city of New Sarum.

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Jan. 28. Norwich. 28. Henry Lord Crumwell and Sir Arthur Hevenyngham to the Council. Proceedings under their commission for restraint of divers creditors of John Thurkettell of the city of Norwich. Desire that the creditors in London may be dealt with by commissioners, and that order may be taken with one Mr. Beinfeilde before the Council

Jan. 31. Stoad. 29. Wm. Milward, deputy governor, and Fellows of the Company of the Merchant Adventurers resident in Stoad, to same. Stating the reasons why they could not admit Alderman Soame, now Sheriff of London, into their Company, nor grant him liberty to trade there.

Jan. 30. Information against Mrs. Dewse, who having heard that Robert Birche was a conjuror, desired one Atkinson to be a mean that she might speak with him: their conversation; her desire to be revenged of her enemies, one of whom was that thief, Justice Younge, who lived by robbing Papists; the others were Sir Rowland Hayward and others, whose pictures of wax she would have made and then prick them to the heart. Their proceedings.

Jan. 31. Robert Birche's report of the speeches used by Mrs. Dewse concerning her meaning and dealing towards the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chamberlain, Mr. Recorder, and others. Her solicitations for him, by his art, to make pictures of wax of her enemies, and to stick them with pins.

Jan. 32. Note of sundry extraordinary charges disbursed by Mr. George Trenchard for Her Majesty's service. Entertainment of the Prince of Condé on his landing at Weymouth.

Jan. 33. Articles sent by the Deputy Lieutenants of Shropshire to Sir Fr. Walsyngham, for the decision of the Council how to punish certain persons and parishes for neglecting their duty in the defence of the realm.

Jan. 34. Articles of misdemeanor objected against Mrs. Dorothy Pauncefoote for matters of recusancy. Popish relics in her custody. Her access to Recusants in prison. The going of her son John to her father in the Prince of Parma's Court.

Jan. 35. An estimate of sea stores, waste and wear of tackle, &c., of the six ships appointed to sail to the southward.

Jan.? 36. Petition of Margaret Harper, late wife of Sir John Harper, deceased, and now wife of Edw. Maxey, to the Council. Complains of the ill conduct of Maxey, who had deserted her, and requests he may be compelled to pay to her the rents of certain lands in Bristol, for her maintenance.

[*The following papers, Nos.* 37–55, *relate to a controversy between the City of London and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, principally as to the right of executing certain writs within the precincts of St. Paul's. They are all without date, but the following*

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extract from the Journals in the Town Clerk's Office, London, fixes the general date to be in the month of January 1590: "*Martis* "*xiii. die Januarij, anno xxxii°. Die ñre Elizabethe Reg., &c.*
"*Harte, Maior.*
"*Item, it is orderyd that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Daniell and Roberte* "*Smithe shall take care towchinge the cytties libties in Pawles* "*Churche Yarde nowe in question betweene this cittye and the* "*Deane and Chapter of the sayde Churche of St. Pawles.*"]

1590? Jan.? 37. Articles to be inquired of by the Bailiff of the liberties of St. Paul's, respecting the rights and privileges of the Dean and Chapter, in the issuing and execution of writs within the churchyard, the hanging of lanterns, passage of carts, &c.

38. Notes touching the liberties of St. Paul's, with respect to return of writs, and other privileges, within the churchyard and precincts of the church.

39. Notes and extracts from various charters, of privileges granted to the church of St. Paul's as to return of writs, &c.

40, 41. The question for Retourna Brevium: Extracts from various charters and grants. Charter of William the Conqueror to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. The answer to the question whether the prebendaries have felons' goods in their distinct possession, or that they appertain to the Dean and Chapter. Indorsed, "*The annswere of the Maior and Coïaltie of London to the case* "*exhibited by the Deane and Chaptre of Pawles.*" [*Two copies.*]

42. Claims made by the Bishop and Dean and Chapter in the the time of Edw. I., as to the liberties of St. Paul's. Great contentions with the city as to building houses and shops outside the walls of St. Paul's for maintenance of London Bridge.

43–50. Eight papers, containing extracts of Charters, Acts of Parliament, memoranda, &c., in regard to the liberties of St. Paul's Cathedral; claims as to felons' goods, &c.

51–53. Three papers of extracts from the ancient charters of the city of London, in relation to the privileges and liberties of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's.

54. Instrument by the Lord Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of London, referring to the arbitration of the Lords Chief Justices, Sir Chr. Wraye and Sir Edm. Anderson, the controversy between the City and Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, respecting the execution of writs and process within the limits of St. Paul's Churchyard.

55. Specification of the ancient limits of St. Paul's Church and Churchyard: measurements of various parts of the fabric, the total altitude being 520 feet. Latin.

1590. Feb. 1. 56. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Lord Willoughby's request for the discharge of the soldiers that served under him in France. Petition for the establishing of trade

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in Guernsey and Jersey. Letters from various parties. Memorial for the loan. Names of noblemen to contribute to the relief of Geneva. Petition of the Governor of Bridewell, &c.

Feb. [1]. 57. Warrant to the Keeper of Bridewell to receive and keep as close prisoners Christopher Bayles, *alias* Evers, a seminary priest, John Bayles, his brother, Henry Goorney, Anthony Kaye, and John Coxed; also another warrant to Richard Topcliffe and Richard Young to examine the said persons, and if occasion require to commit them unto such torture as is usual for the better understanding of the truth of matters against Her Majesty and the state. [*On the 1st of February the Attorney and Solicitor General were directed to receive from Mr. Topclyffe certain informations against two or three Jesuits or Seminary Priests, and to cause them forthwith to be brought to trial this term. On the 22nd of February the Lord Mayor and sheriffs of London were ordered to stay the execution of Chr. Bayles, Nich. Horne, and two others, until further directions should be given. Co. Reg.*]

Feb. 1. 58. Certificate of the ordinary number of shipkeepers appointed for the keeping of the Queen's Majesty's ships in harbour at Chatham, &c.

Feb. 2. Tavistock. 59. Wm. Earl of Bath to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires that Sir John Gilberte and Mr. Geo. Carey, of Cockington, may be commanded to return home, as their services were required in the training the forces of the county.

Feb. 3. East Retford. 60. William Belyold to Paul Gressom [Gresham?]. Requests the repayment of money lent to him long ago, amounting to thirty-six pounds and a mark, but trusts he will make it 40*l.*, as he had forborne it upwards of eight years.

Feb. 5. Walsyngham. 61. Thomas Gerbrydge to Paul Gresham. Desires payment of 3*l.* which he had promised two years ago. Also desires order to be taken for discharge of his bond for three score pounds.

Feb. 5. 62. Note of cables and hawsers, with other small cordage now remaining in the hands of divers persons, whose names follow. Indorsed by Burleigh, "*Mr. Allyn's book.*"

Feb. 6. London. 63. Ralph Rokeby and Dr. Fletcher to the Council. Report on the claims of the legatees of John Norden, late agent of the English merchants trading to Russia, which were unduly detained from them by William Trumbull, his executor resident in Moscow. Recommend a commission of inquiry, that the goods of Trumbull may be attached by due order of law.

Feb. 6. Cotham. 64. Robert Markham to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his favours to the youth [his son?] who wishes to serve in the Low Countries. Desires that if his own services as captain of the horsemen in that shire were not required, he might be permitted to retire into private life, and so to recover himself from his debts.

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Feb. 8. Lyme. 65. John Davye, Mayor of Lyme Regis, to George Trenchard, Esq., Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset. Certifies that there were no ships or goods belonging to the town of Morlaix remaining with them, but two ships of Lyme had departed for Morlaix laden with the goods of English merchants. Request of John Hassard that a debt, owing to him by a merchant of Morlaix, may be protected.

Feb. 9. 66. Estimate of provisions necessary to furnish the seven new ships and all the rest of Her Majesty's Navy for service on the seas. Signed by Sir John Hawkyns, Henry Palmer, and Benjamin Gonson.

Feb. 10. Broxbourne. 67. Sir Henry Cocke to Henry Maynarde. Sends him copies of the letters he has received from Lord Burghley and the Council. Has been blamed for interfering in such matters after the death of the Earl of Leicester, the late Lord Lieutenant. Details the course pursued under the directions of the Council's letter of August 25, 1588. Troops, &c., sent at that time to Tilbury.

Feb. 11. Chelsea. 68. Lord Admiral Howard (?) to Capt. Henry Bellingham. To prepare the Tremontane and the Charles or the Moon to convey Sir Horatio Palavicino with an Ambassador from France in his company, to Stoad.

Feb. 12. The Antelope, Dover Road. 69. Capt. Henry Bellingham to the Lord Admiral. Desires to know what to do with various ships stayed by him on their passage to Spain, although they state they were bound for Rochelle. Report by a boat from Bayonne in France that the King of Spain was making all haste he could with his fleet, but had not yet above 80 sail, besides galleys.

Feb. 12. Bath House, Holborn. 70. Sir William Russell to Walsyngham. Entreats him to favor the suit of the bearer, Adrian le Vasseur, who by hard dealing is undone and void of all means to be relieved, unless by Walsyngham's assistance.

Feb. 13. 71. Henry Bossevyle to same. Asserts that the report of his carrying a mass of gold beyond the seas was unfounded, as the searcher of Dover could certify.

Feb. 14. 72. Account of powder and munition delivered into the charge of Sir Nicholas Parker out of the Office of the Ordnance, for Her Majesty's service in France.

Feb. 15. 73. A new complaint by a Dane. Complaint concerning a Danish ship, called the Eagle, brought into Dover Haven by Capt. Henry Bellingham.

Feb. 16. Blackfriars. 74. Lord Cobham to Walsyngham. Desires to know how the decays of armour and furniture of the selected bands of Kent employed in France shall be supplied. The country is unwilling anew to sustain the charge. *Incloses,*

74. 1. *The contents of Mr. Edward Boys' letter to Lord Cobham, certifying the unfurnished state of his band.*

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Feb. 18. Lathom. 75. Henry Earl of Derby to the Council. Has committed the 200 men furnished within his Lieutenancy, for Ireland, to the charge of Mr. Downes, whom he recommends should have their letters to the Lord Deputy.

Feb. 18. Stewkey. 76. Henry Lord Crumwell, Nathaniel Bacon, and Wm. Rugge, to Walsyngham. Have taken the examinations of certain persons concerning a letter "which purported a discovery of some persons, and "of their purpose very perilous to the State." Diligent searches have been made, particularly at the house of Mr. Henry Bedingfeilde, but nothing suspicious found. *Inclosing,*

76. I. *A copy of the letter found, directed to Lord Crumwell, giving information against Henry Bedingfeilde of some treasonable designs in conjunction with the Papists and Recusants.*

Feb. 22. London. 77. M. De Cardenas to [Walsyngham?]. Sends letters which were written after the making up of the principal packet. The King [Don Antonio?] had been troubled with the gout.

Feb. 22. 78. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Affairs of the Low Countries, Portugal, Ireland, &c. Petition of the inhabitants of Flintshire. Articles against the Bishop of St. David's. Examinations of John Stone. Petition of Andrew Studley, &c.

Feb. 23. 79. Notes of the measures resolved on for defence of the realm of England:—Setting out of ships. The Bishops to certify the number of Recusants, and the disarming of them. Generel view of the bands throughout the realm in March next.

Feb. 23. 80. Articles to be considered for the Navy, if Sir John Hawkyns should proceed on his voyage. Letters to the States to set out such ships as are agreed on by treaty,

Feb. 23. London. 81. Lord Cobham to Tho. Fane, Esq. Orders him strictly to enforce the laws against the killing and eating of meat in Lent throughout the liberties of the Cinque Ports.

Feb. 23. 82. Answer of the Lord Chief Baron to the complaint of Sir Thomas Perrot. The Chief Baron charged by Sir T. Perrot and Thomas Cheyney with corrupt compact with certain parties and covenous pleading in the Court of Chancery.

Feb. 24. 83. Note of money owing to the Russia Company for wax and cordage.

Feb. 24. 84. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Her Majesty, seeing the danger which might happen to her realm if the French King were not assisted, had yielded to the speedy going forward of Sir Horatio Palavicino and M. Du Fresur. Her Majesty has promised to write this night to the King of Scots

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Feb. 24. Towstock. 85. Earl of Bath to the Council. Details the course taken with the Mayor of Bristol for the furnishing of Capt. Fleming with everything requisite for service in St. George's Channel. This service has been delayed and treated in a contemptuous manner by the Mayor of Bristol. *Incloses,*

85. I. *The Council to the Mayor of Bristol. To furnish Capt Thomas Fleming with men, mariners, and munitions for his ship, for service in St. George's Channel. Feb.* 9, 1590.

85. II. *Earl of Bath to same. Directions to furnish Capt. Fleming with the requisite stores and munition for his ship, for special service at sea. Tavistock, Feb.* 16, 1590.

85. III. *Note of the particulars required to be furnished by the Mayor of Bristol for the setting forth of Capt. Fleming; with note by the Earl of Bath of the return of Capt. Fleming unprovided and without answer.*

Feb. 24. 86. Memorial for Lord Burghley touching the repair of the fortifications and keeping of the ordnance and munition at Portsmouth. Payment for the men and shipping sent out for aid of the Lord Admiral; supply of powder; repair of Godshouse, injured by the great storm of Twelf eve; another armourer to be allowed, &c.

Feb. [24.] 87–89. Three others papers containing the same requests as the above, more or less varied.

Feb. [24.] 90. Certificate in detail of the armour in all forts, towers, and bulwarks at Portsmouth, and the weight of the same, remaining in the charge of the Earl of Sussex.

Feb. 25. Westminster. 91. Grant by the Queen, on the petition of Edward Dyer to William Typper and Robert Dawes, of all the lands and tenements in Ludbrooke and Rodburne in co. Warwick, late in the possession of William Catesbye attainted. Latin.

Feb. 25. 92. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Desires to receive the allowance appointed for the stores for the Repentance, serving with Sir Martin Frobisher; the injury that ship had sustained in her service at Cape Saker.

Feb. 25. 93. Remembrance for the Office of the Admiralty to certify what stores and munition are required for the furnishing of the Navy, and what remains in store in the Admiralty.

Feb. 26. 94. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Dispatch of 1,050 men for Ireland. Order with the Recusants. Strengthening of Milford and Plymouth. View of trained bands. To solicit the States for the setting out of the 25 ships, &c.

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Feb. 26. Dover Castle. 95. Order by Thos. Fane, Esq., Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to the Mayors, Bailiffs and Jurats of the Cinque Ports, prohibiting the killing or selling meat during Lent without special licence from the Lord Warden.

Feb. 27. 96, 97. Proportion of ordnance and munition to be presently provided for the three forts of Milford. [*In duplicate.*]

Feb. 27. 98. Account of payments made to Sir John Hawkyns, treasurer, and Mr. Quarles, victualler of the Navy, upon sundry warrants from Michaelmas 1588 to February 27, 1589–90.

Feb. 26. 99. Declaration by Mr. Quarles of a proportion of victuals to be provided for the victualling of 10,000 men for three months at the seas. Referred by Lord Admiral Howard to the Officers of the Navy.

Feb. 27. 100, 101. Two estimates for victualling the same number of men.

Feb. 28. London. 102. Ralph Rokeby, John Scudymore, and Tho. Aldarsey to the Council. Their endeavours to decide the controversy between Richd. Skyppwith, Esq., and Richard Shepham have failed, as they could not bring Shepham to agree to any amicable adjustment.

Feb. 28. Greenwich. 103. The Council to Tho. Heton, Rich. Goddard, and Tho. Thorney, Commissioners for sale of goods taken in the late Portugal voyage. Requiring them to appear before the Lords to give an account of the goods which had been delivered to them. Direct Thomas Heton to pay in the sum of 218*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* remaining in his hands.

Feb. 28. 104. Extract of a letter from Robert Southwell, the Jesuit, giving a description of the examination and execution of Christopher Bales, a Romish priest, of the county of Durham. Latin. Note indorsed: "*This relation was translated into Spanish and pre-*" *sented to all the Grandees of Spain, to make them conceive that* "*the number and persecution of the Catholics of England was* "*great.*"

Feb. 105. Allegations of Edward Anlabye touching the privilege for making of iron, and proving his great charges, loss, and hindrance sustained, as well as by Mr. Proctor as by reason of the same privilege.

Feb. 106. Petition of Anthony Morgan, (under farmer of Her Majesty for certain "Letherwiche and Herryotts" within the Lordship of Kidwelley, in Carmarthenshire) to Walsyngham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Complains that Richard Jones, Esq., who ought to have paid the heriot, unlawfully rescued the distress, and entered suit against him.

Feb. 107. Certain points wherein the Earl of Bath desires to receive the resolution of the Lords of the Council concerning the county of Devon, relative to the trained bands of the county. Musters in the Stannaries.

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Feb. 108. Remembrances of some things meet to be done for the strengthening of the Western parts, particularly for defence of Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Torbay, the latter being a place wherein a thousand sail may lie at anchor. [*In the same hand as the preceding.*]

Feb. 109. Copy of the above.

Feb. 110. Note of all the receipts and payments made and to be made for the Michaelmas and Christmas quarters, for the use of Her Majesty's ships in harbour.

Feb. Greenwich. 111. The Council to the Earl of Pembroke. Directions to levy 450 men within the counties of Wilts, Hereford, Salop, and Worcester, for service in Ireland; to be provided with convenient coats and conduct money, to the ports of Bristol and Chester.

Feb. 112. Number of men to be furnished by certain shires, for service in Ireland, with the names of the Captains commanding them.

Feb. 113. Statement by Sir John Hawkyns, of the money received and expended out of the warrant of the 21st July, and what remains to be paid to Sir Martin Frobisher.

Feb. ? 114. Note of the places and offices held by Sir Tho. Wilford above the degree of a captain. His request to have entertainment to live, and not to consume and beggar himself, his wife, and children in his old years.

Feb. 115. Petition of Joan Johnson, wife of the late Titus Johnson, Richard Arnold, and others, Merchants of London, to the Council. Desiring satisfaction for their ship the Jonas, taken by French pirates, who had slain the crew and many French passengers. Solicit permission to seize any ships from certain towns in France.

Feb. ? 116. Memorial in French relating to the above transaction.

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March 1. 1. A note of the sums paid upon Privy Seals, for the building and repairing of Her Majesty's ships.

March 1. London. 2. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. Has sent the book of estimates for the whole army, and a form of warrant for the new warrant dormant. Is disappointed that the proposed expedition has been given over, wherein matter of great moment might have been performed. Demands remuneration for his losses in making preparations for this expedition. He is now out of hope that he shall perform any royal thing.

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March 1. 3. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Measures for the defence of the Realm. Milford and Plymouth to be fortified. Forces for the Isle of Anglesey. Retainers of noblemen not to be exempt from musters, &c.

March 1. 4. Estimate of the charges for iron ordnance, powder, and other munitions, to be presently provided for the forts of Milford.

March 2. Agamonte. 5. William Wardeforte to his mother, Jane Wardeforte. Has placed the sum of 80 gold crowns in trust for the use of his brother Nicholas, whom he requests may come over by the way of St. Maloes.

March 3. 6. Necessary proportion of timber, iron, and other materials and stores, to be provided for the fortifications at Portsmouth.

March 3. 7. A proportion rated upon the Western ports by the Lord Admiral.

March 4. 8. Declaration by James Quarles, of the expenditure of 3,050*l.* for the victualling of the Navy.

March 4. 9. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Trained bands. The gentlemen residing in London to be sent down into the country. Muster of the pensioners, &c.

March 4. Boughton. 10. Sir Edw. Mountagu to Sir Chr. Hatton, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire. Has taken a general view of the old-trained bands of horsemen and footmen for the whole county. Desires directions as to the supply of powder. *Incloses,*

10. I. *A note of such persons as are dead, or gone out of the county, being charged with the finding of demi-lances and light horse; together with those that are not chargeable. Proportion of powder and match.*

March 4. 11. Certain articles set down, tending to the discovery of the abuses practised in the deceitful making of worsted and woollen stockings. At this present worsted stockings are sold at so high a price as 8*s.* or 9*s.* the pair. The silk stockings, being a foreign commodity, is prohibited, saving unto those of a certain degree.

March 7. Ingatestone. 12. The Deputy Lieutenants of Essex to Lord Burghley. The trained bands are complete and in readiness, but the horse bands are not ready. Departure of Mr. Gamaliel Capell. Provision of powder. The orders for observance of Lent have in all things been performed.

March 8. 13. Notes of public business to be propounded in Council:—Disposing of the Recusants. The States letters touching the shortness of cloths. Offer of the town of Dover to set forth a ship against the Dunkirkers. Complaint against Sir Henry Cromwell. Requests of the vintners of London, &c.

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March 9. Deptford. 14. Lord Admiral Howard to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Is glad to hear of the French king's victory. The Leaguers lie at Torbay and have taken divers Englishmen. It is necessary Her Majesty should have other ships, besides the Antelope, in the Narrow Seas.

March 10. 15. Tho. Windebank to same. Sends the Queen's letter to the French King, and the passport for M. St. Aldegonde, who receives a chain from Her Majesty, which, though small, she thinks sufficient to bind him to her. She has stayed the signing of the safe conduct for the Earl of Crawford, because she did not wish the well-affected to leave Scotland. Sir John Norris's passport is also deferred.

March 10. 16. Authority from William Beswick of Harlington, co. Middlesex, to his servant Thomas Joanes, to receive the sum of 25*l.* lent upon Her Majesty's privy seal.

March 12. 17. Christopher Parkins to Walsyngham. Hopes that Sir Edward Kellye will deal sincerely with him, which he doubts, if he follow the counsel of his friends and ghostly fathers the Jesuits. The King of Poland's letter of commendation will support his own innocency. Trusts that Lord Burghley would lend his assistance to deliver the innocent from the malicious practice of common enemies.

March 13. Beckingham. 18. The Deputy Lieutenants of Lincoln to Lord Burghley. The forces in the county of Lincoln have been mustered and put in readiness. Some persons charged have removed out of the shire, and some be dead. Require directions as to the supply of powder and match.

March 14. 19. Estimate by Sir John Hawkyns and W. Borough of the charge of 2,500 mariners, sailors, gunners, and sea carpenters, to be pressed from divers places of the furthest parts of the realm for Her Majesty's ships.

March 14. 20. Tho. Windebank to Walsyngham. Has indorsed the letters for Lord Willoughby, and now returns them for his Honor's signature. Her Majesty has appointed Lord Burghley to meet her at the Lord Admiral's.

March 15. 21. The Queen to . To stay all proceedings in law against James Bradshaw, keeper of the gaol at Norwich, for the escape of a prisoner named George Egerton.

March 16. 22. Note of the sums received and paid under divers warrants granted for building and repairing Her Majesty's ships, and provision of stores,

March 17. 23. Note of payments upon certain warrants for the Navy from the 14th of December 1588.

March 17. Greenwich. 24. The Council to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Directions to continue the office of Provost Marshal in the

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county of Hertford, for the suppression of idle and vagrant persons who live by pilfering, stealing, and wandering from place to place.

March 17. Greenwich. 25. The Council to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Essex. Of the same tenor as the preceding.

March 17. Greenwich. 26. Lord Burghley (?) to Mr. Petre. Directions to draw up an order for the pay of Her Majesty's ships for three months, according to the warrant dormant lately passed.

March 17. 27. Certificate of Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Owen Hopton, Robert Wroth, and Wm. Fleetewood, of the number of horse and foot in readiness in the county of Middlesex.

March 11. Kirtling. 28. Roger Lord North to the Council. That there are no Recusants of quality within the shire except Henry Cooke, whose living was under 50*l.* a year, and two parts of that is sequestered to Her Majesty. He was a man of quiet behaviour and small spirit. Lord Lovell has now gone into Norfolk. Some widow women there are of the meanest haviour, not worth the speaking of.

March 18. 29. Memorial by Sir Tho. Mildemay of certain things to be imparted to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, touching the government of that county. Names of Recusants restrained in 1587, and the course taken with them. The beacons on the coast are still watched.

March 19. Brokett Hall. 30. Sir John Brokett to Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler are discontented with him for disapproving of the placing of Mr. Ralphe Coningsbye captain of the company, Sir John, formerly commanded. Has no objection to Sir Henry Coningsbye taking that charge, and his son to serve under him. Complains of the ill feeling of Cocke and Boteler towards him.

March 19. Hertford. 31. Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler to same. Have received his directions for dividing the band of 300 men formerly under the command of Sir John Brokett, and delivered by him to Mr. Varney. Detail their proceedings in appointing Mr. Ralph Coningsbye captain of one of the bands. Offence taken by Sir John Brokett, because they had not informed him of the choice of Mr. Coningsbye. Complain of Sir John's unkind dealing with them. It would greatly sound to their disgrace if young Mr. Coningsbye's appointment were revoked.

March 20. 32. Mr. Quarles's declaration and estimate of the charge for victualling 10,000 men for one month of 28 days at the seas.

March 20. Westminster 33. Grant by the Queen to Thomas Vavasor of licence to purvey or buy beyond seas 8,000 lasts of cod and ling in barrels or casks, and to import the same into England for the term of ten years. With indorsement, dated February 24, 1604, for similar grant to Sir Richard Wigmore for 20 years to import 16,000 lasts.

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March 21. 34. The Earl of Derby's suit to Her Majesty for the disforesting of Macclesfield Forest in Cheshire, the disparking of Toxteth Park in Lancashire, and for 100*l.* lands in fee farm.

March 22. 35. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Affairs of Ireland. Order for view of the trained bands, and appointment of skilful captains. Restraint of butchers. Defence of the Scilly Islands. Controversy between the towns of Dunwich and Southwold, &c.

March [22]. 36. Lord Burghley to Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler. In answer to their letter of the 19th, brought by young Mr. Coningsbye, is sorry for the disagreement arisen between them and Sir John Brokett. Recommends that the command be intrusted to Sir Henry Coningsbye, or that the band be divided between Ralph Coningsbye and young Mr. Brokett. *And on the same paper—*

March 22. 37. Same to Sir John Brokett. Is sorry for the disagreement between him and Sir H. Cocke and Sir P. Boteler as to appointment of Mr. Ralphe Coningsbye. Recommends the arrangement proposed in the preceding.

March 22. London. 38. Isabel Countess of Rutland to Lord Burghley. Has had several communications with Sir Tho. Cecill, respecting the jointure of her daughter, and he requires that the lands he intends to assure for that purpose shall be charged with his debts, to which she objects. Is sorry Burghley mistrusts her dealing with Sir Robert Constable. [*William Cecill, son of Sir Thomas Cecill, married Elizabeth Manners, daughter of Edward Earl of Rutland, and she died on the 11th of May, 1591, after giving birth to a son, William Lord Roos, who was baptized on the 4th of June following at Newark Castle.*]

March 23. 39. Note touching the customs and ordinances of the Goldsmiths' Company. Waes' reasons alleged for his relief.

March 28. 40. Memoranda of public business to be propounded in Council:—Ships to be sent against the leaguers. Sir John St. Leger's letter for his son. Request of John Stokes. Letters to the Earl of Bath to stay the proceedings of Mr. Wiseman, &c.

March 24. 41. Note for transferring the office of the Judicial Seal of Montgomery, &c., and the office of Examiner before the Council in the Marches of Wales from Tho. Sherer to William and Richard Leighton.

March 24. 42. Note of goods received by John Kyllegrew out of two prizes appertaining to John Byrde, and John Watts; and of goods received out of the Admiralty.

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March 24. Greenwich. 43. Lord Burghley to Mr. Petre. To make out an order for the payment of various sums for Her Majesty's Navy, according to the warrant dormant, lately passed.

March 24. 44. Declaration of Florent Bacot, that he was commissioned by Mr. Nicolson to solicit Ezechiel Estermelay, merchant of London, for the payment of 80 crowns owing by Mr. Darel. Fr.

March 25. 45. Bill of account of John Thomas of expenses at Portsmouth, for the quarter ending Lady Day 1590.

March 29. Chelmsford. 46. Sir Tho. Mildemay and Sir John Petre, Dep. Lieutenants of Essex, to Lord Burghley. Have made a general view of the mariners, gunners, fishermen and other seafaring men within the county. The mariners complain that they were kept from their ordinary occupations by being constrained to attend at three hours' warning. The principal Recusants had been restrained and disarmed during the lieutenancy of Earl of Leicester. *Inclosing,*

46. I. *A note of the names of the Recusants restrained in February* 1587–8, *by whom and to what places.*

March 30. 47. Orders set down and agreed upon by the Right Hon. the Lord Burghley, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Essex, for the better arming and more speedy furnishing of the soldiers therein, as well horsemen as footmen, by virtue of Her Majesty's commission of lieutenancy to him directed the 15th day of March 1589–90. Duties of the deputy lieutenant, the captains, the soldiers, and the muster master. Memorial of other things fit to be considered by the Lord Lieutenant.

March 30. 48. Philippe Howard Earl of Arundel to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his former favors, particularly for the sum of money advanced to him last Michaelmas. Is now in want of more money for his present wants. Desires that he may have regularly a quarterly allowance. Is full of all misery, and void almost of any comfort.

March 31. 49. Tho. Windebank to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Her Majesty desires to know what offer has been made by the Duke Charles, brother to the King of Sweden, for the sale of two ships freighted with masts and intended to go for Spain. Answer to a letter from Mr. Robt. Bowes.

March 31. 50. Account by Thomas Lydyard of the charge for the keeping of ships and stores at Woolwich for the quarter ending Lady Day 1590.

March 31. 51. Account by Philip Ellis of charges for repairs, wages of labourers, watchmen, and various stores at Deptford, from January to March 31st, 1590.

March 31. 52. Memorandum (or an indorsement) of the charge in ordinary for the Navy, for the Lady Day quarter 1590.

March? 53. Names of the Commissioners deputed by the Council in several shires.

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March. 54. List of the Captains and their Companies to be sent to Portsmouth; with a note of the armour and ammunition sent into France.

March? 55. Articles of the Merchants of London trading to Turkey and Venice to be incorporated into one body by the name of the Merchants of Levant. Services of Sir Edw. Osborne, William Harborne, Richard Slater, and other merchants of London to open the trade into all the Turk's dominions. Names of merchants to be inserted in the patent; Sir John Harte, Lord Mayor, Sir Edw. Osborne, Sir Geo. Barne, and many others.

March? 56. Memorandum of State Papers delivered to the Lord Treasurer, to Mr. Wolley, to Mr. Freke, and of those "sent home." Indorsed, "*A memorial of things delivered out of my custody.*" [*Supposed to be by Walsyngham when he found himself, by ill-health, unable to carry on public business.*]

March. 57. Petition of Dr. Ellice Price to Sir. Fr. Walsyngham. Praying that he may be permitted to hold the office of Steward of the lordship of Denbigh, which was granted to him by the Earl of Leicester, and which he hath enjoyed until the death of the Earl of Warwick, but from which certain merchants of London wished to displace him. [*Ambrose Earl of Warwick died on the 21st of February, anno reg. 32 Elizabeth.*

March? 58. State of Mr. Anthony Bowrne's debts remaining in several men's uses at the time of the composition with Her Majesty; list of his debts general, some good, some doubtful, all which Sir John Conway taketh by assignment, in consideration of the intended alliance of their children. Notes of transactions by Conway in Mr. Bowrne's affairs, &c. [*On the 23 of March, 1590, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne petitioned the Privy Council for the redelivery of her daughter, Mary Bowrne, who has been placed under the charge of Lord Norreys, till the controversy between Sir John Conway and Mrs. Bowrne should be settled; and Sir John was ordered to shew sufficient cause why the Council should not grant the prayer of the petitioner. Co. Reg.*]

March? 59–60. Points of law relating to the authority of a father over his child. Petition of Sir John Conway for the restitution of "the young gentlewoman," into his possession; probably relating to the daughter of Anthony Bowrne, who had been consigned by him to the disposal of Sir John Conway. [*Two papers.*]

April 1.
Westminster. 61. Grant by the Queen to Robert Symons of the manor and lands of Salisbury Hall in the parish of Walthamstow, co. Essex, parcel of the lands and possessions of the late Robert Tyrwhit, formerly granted to Richard Johnson and Roger Ascham. Latin.

April 2. 62. Tho. Windebank to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Her Majesty wishes that, if he is unable, Lord Burghley should speak with the Italian who had lately arrived. Has informed Her Majesty of his

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last night's fit, and she promised to appoint some other person to his place. Dispatch of Irish suitors. HerMajesty has resolved on sending Sir John Norreys to Ireland.

April 2. 63. The opinion of Lord Burghley upon certain apostils and notes delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex touching certain orders set down for the furnishing both of horsemen and footmen in the said county.

April 6. London. 64. Andreas de Loo to Tho. Windebank "uno delli Secretarij di "sua Mta." Desiring that the licence granted to him by Her Majesty for 12 years may be extended to 16. Italian.

April 7. 65. Note of Receipts and Payments for the new building and repairing of Her Majesty's ships, purchase of provisions, stores, &c., in 1589 and 1590.

April 8. Yorke House. 66. Sir John Perrot to Lord Burghley. Thanks for his letter, thinking him fit for the office of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, but is quite content the gentleman to whom he had promised the appointment should enjoy it. [*Sir Tho. Heneage succeeded Walsyngham in the office of Chanchellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.*]

April 8. 67. Edmund Hollynges to his uncle Roger Hollinges. Commends the bearer who is his particular friend, and could give a better account of everything than he could write.

April 8. Rome. 68. Hugh Probert to Dr. Ely. Has not been able to send the part of Father Robert's tracts upon the Canonical Scriptures, because the messengers were obliged to go on foot. His pupils were well. Desires to be commended to the friends he names.

April 8. Venice. 69. Christopher Thewles to his mother Anne Thewles. All the friends with him are in perfect health; hopes she will write to him. Desires her to entertain the bearers from whom she would hear all news.

April 9. 70. Memoranda, in Lord Burghley's hand, of public business to be attended to:—State of religion, both against the Papists and Recusants, and against the turbulent sects of the Puritans. English relations with foreign states.

April 10. 71. Estimates for the victualling 8,000 men for three months; with a note of the stores remaining at Newhaven; by George Tendring.

April 10. 72. Estimate of the charge for the furnishing and setting forth to sea of Her Majesty's ship the Tiger for two months.

April 12. Yorke House. 73. Sir John Perrot to Burghley. The violence of his grief that that the deputy Fytzwylliam hath most faslely sought to bring him in question in the highest degree. Perrot's servant, Richard Hardinge has escaped his tyranny and the rack, and had been examined by fair, flattering, and foul means. The father of this last forgery, Sir Dennis Rowghane, priest, hath had no worse nurse

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to pamper him than Lady Dier, appointed by the deputy, her father, and free access at all times to the deputy's secretary, Philip Williams, a most wicked man. Complains that by their devices all England now speaks of him; some say he is banished the Court and Council, and others suppose that he is committed to the Tower. [*The first intimation of any suspicion of disloyalty in Sir John Perrot was made by letter from Sir Wm. Fitzwylliams, Lord Deputy of Ireland, to Lord Burghley, dated* 16 *Feb.*, 1590, *inclosing the copy of a letter asserted to be from Perrot to the King of Spain, offering to aid him in the conquest of England and Ireland, if the King would assure to Perrot and his posterity the whole land of Wales. This copy is attested by Fitzwylliams, the presumed original having been transmitted by him to the Queen. On the* 20*th of March following a letter of commission was addressed from the Privy Council to the Bishop of Meath and others, directing them to take into their custody the body of Sir Dennis Rowghane, priest, and to examine him (and any others) upon interrogatories relative to his charges against Sir John Perrot; and to transmit the result of their examinations, and Dennis Rowghane himself, over to England, for ulterior proceedings in the matter. Much information therefore relating to the charges against Sir John Perrot will be found in the Irish Correspondence, until the time when all the parties concerned came over into England. From that point to the termination of the affair by his trial and conviction in England the great bulk of the papers relating to Perrot are placed in the Domestic Series of State Papers, though some unavoidably remain among the Irish Papers.*]

April 13. 74. Brief report of the proportion of victuals in readiness for the victualling of 10,000 men at the seas for two months.

April 13. 75. Notes of public business in Lord Burghley's hand:—Affairs of Ireland. Sir John Norrey's expedition.

April 13. 76–77. Compendium of the history of the matters in controversy between the Merchants of the Hanze Towns, and the Merchants Adventurers. [*Two papers.*]

April 13? 78. Treatise on the same subject, in Latin, in the hands of Lawrence Tomson.

April 14. 79. Note of the total charge of setting forth five ships at Portsmouth against the Spanish fleet.

April 14. 80. Robert Michel to Lord Burghley. Complains of the disorders committed in victualling Her Majesty's ships, for which he has been abused by the victualler. Offers to perform the service for 1,000 marks less, by the year, than the present charge.

April 15. 81. Certificate of the trained bands of the county of Hertford, mustered at St. Alban's on the 27th of February, 1588, before Sir Francis Knollys and under the charge of Sir John Broket t, since delivered over to Sir Henry Conyngesby and mustered before Sir Henry Cock and Sir Philip Butler, on the 15th April 1590.

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April 15. 82. Notes of public business by Burghley:—Affairs of Ireland. Mr. Secretary Walsyngham's estate and debts. Low Countries, &c.

April 16. Deptford. 83. Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley. He perceives Her Majesty is not well satisfied concerning the expenditure of the great sums of money employed in the Navy. Is ready to give an account of the expenditure of all the money received by him, up to the last of December, 1588. Desires to be relieved from the importable care and toil of his office. No man living hath so careful, so miserable, so unfortunate, and so dangerous a life.

April 17. 84. Instructions for the answering of the untrue allegations of the Merchants of the Hanse Towns against the Merchant Adventurers, accusing them of monopoly and usury.

April 21. 85. Notes, by Lord Burghley, of public business:—Letters to the States General. Inquisition for the ordnance left in West country with Sir John Gilberte.

April 23. 86. Estimate of the number of mariners in certain shires, and the number required to serve in fishing and other sea services.

April 23. Salop. 87. Richard Owen of Salop to . Authorizes his servant, one Mason, to receive the sum of 25*l.* lent by him to Her Majesty, on the privy seal.

April 24. 88. Memorial of public business by Lord Burghley:—News from Milford of the approach of the Spanish frigates. The Earl of Bath to put Devon and Cornwall in a state of defence. Sir Francis Drake to see to the defences of Plymouth. To warn the ships of the Low Countries to be in readiness.

April 25 Warrant to pay to Sir Owen Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, 148*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the fees of himself and attendants, and 182*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* for diet of the prisoners. [*Docquet.*]

April 25. Grant of lease in reversion to Richard Breame, of the manor or farm of Shawe, co. Berks, parcel of the honor of Windsor, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

April 25. Grant of incorporation to the inhabitants of Southmoulton, co. Devon, by the name of Mayor and Burgesses. [*Docquet.*]

April 25. Grant of lease to Francis Plowden, Mary his wife, and Francis their son, during their lives, of the parsonage of Lydbury, in the county of Salop. [*Docquet.*]

April 25. Grant of pardon to Thomas Wigges of burning in the hand, touching the death of Robert Wrote, Esq. [*Docquet.*]

April 25. Grant in fee farm to Robert Cecill, Sir Fr. Knollys, jun., and Henry Killigrewe of the manor and advowson of the rectory of Hanbury in the county of Worcester, to the use of Sir Francis Knollys, treasurer of the household; with a proviso on the payment of a certain sum, within seven years, by Sir Tho. Leighton, Lady Leighton, or their heirs. [*Docquet.*]

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April 25. Grant to Sir Fr. Knollys of lands amounting to the clear yearly value of 8*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, paying for the same 269*l.* 10*s.* [*Docquet.*]

April 26. 89. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of public business:—Ireland. Low Countries. Defence of the realm. Demands of the Earl of Sussex for Portsmouth. Anthony Paulett's demands.

April 27. 90. Memorial of public business to be considered, with the answers to the same:—Scotland and the Borders. Sir Walter Raleigh's offer. Lord Scroope's objections.

April 27. Hereford. 91. The Deputy Lieutenants of the county of Hertford to Lord Burghley. Certify their doings in the musters. There were 3,000 able men in the shire but only 1,500 trained and furnished with arms. Very little armour or warlike furniture is to be found among the yeoman and farmers. *Inclosing,*

91. I. *A general certificate of the musters for the county of Hertford.*

April 30. 92. Information given by Marmaduke Nealson, servant of Capt. Chr. Carleill, of the number and state of the armada at Ferol under the charge of Don Alonzo de Bezan, brother to the late Marquis de Santa Croce. Arrival of ships at Lisbon. News of Sir Wm. Stanley in Spain. Edw. Cripps knighted by King Philip for some service he had done.

April. 93. Capt. Thomas Flemynge to the Council. Sends information collected from the examination of Capt. Hill and others of the appearance of a mighty fleet of great ships off Cape Finisterre.

April. 94. Intelligence given by an Italian in the service of Mr. Richard Drake. Considerations for defence of certain ports if the armada which is prepared in Spain be intended for England or Ireland. Sir Wm. Stanley's request of the King of Spain to go to Ireland where he was well beloved. Other particulars. Overtures to Sir Fr. Drake to enter King Philip's service, being in disgrace in England.

April 30. 95. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of public business:—Compositions upon penal statutes. Genealogies. Perambulation of the Tower of London, &c.

April 30. 96. The answers of the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford, touching the furnishing of petronels.

April. 97. Abstract from the certificates of the number of trained men and their captains in several counties.

April. 98. Certificate of the captains and trained men in the counties of Hereford and Monmouth.

April. 99. List of the jewels entrusted by the Lady Margaret Countess of Lenox to Mr. Tho. Fowler to be delivered to the Lady Arbella at the age of 14.

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April. 100. Abstract of the expense of putting Her Majesty's ship the Victory in order for service.

April. 101. Pedigrees of certain Princes of Germany; in Lord Burghley's hand.

April? 102. Certificates of musters of able men, horse and foot, in the counties of Oxford and Berks, with the names of the captains commanding them. Signed by Henry Norreys for both counties.

[April?] 103. Considerations, by Lord Burghley, of the means for remodelling and improving the offices of Government:—The affairs of importance to be made known to some principal persons of the Council, and then with assistance of the Secretaries of State to be laid before Her Majesty. Resolutions on domestic and foreign affairs. Restraint of Papists and Recusants, and to suppress all turbulent Precisians.

April? 104. Notes, in Burghley's hand, out of the Book of Accusations made by Dennis Rowghane against Sir John Perrot:—Persons to be examined. Michael Wheeler kept the door when the mass was said.

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May 1. 1. Power of attorney by William Phillipps of Crockton, co. Salop, to Mathew Manwaring to receive the same of 25*l.* due to him by the Queen on her letters of privy seal for the loan.

May 1. 2. Brief of the certificates of the Captains and Officers of the foot-bands in the county of Essex; with the several kinds of weapons appointed to them.

May 2. 3. Sir Henry Graye, Sir Tho. Mildemay, and Sir John Petre to the Under Sheriff of Essex. Orders to summon certain persons named, who had neglected to find light horses, to appear before the Lord Lieutenant to answer their contempts.

May 2. 4. Sir Tho. West to Lord Burghley. Laments that his lordship had opposed his suit to Her Majesty for the searching of cloths. Thinks it can be no pleasure to him to be the utter undoing of a poor gentleman, and prays him to speak to the Queen in his behalf.

May 4. 5. Notes delivered by Sir John Perrot for the examination of Sir Henry Wallop, Mr. Gardener, Sir Thomas Williams, and Sir Geffery Fenton, touching their knowledge of the priest, Dennis Rowghane; and forgery of letters and warrants by Henry Birde.

May 4? 6. Answer of Sir Henry Wallop to certain interrogatories which Sir John Perrot requireth him to be examined on, touching Sir Dennis Rowghane. Rowghane committed to prison by Perrot. Practice between Rowghane and Henry Birde to get money of Papists by counterfeit warrants. Disloyal words used by Perrot.

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May 4? 7. Answer of Mr. Justice Robert Gardener to the articles ministered by Sir John Perrot concerning Henry Birde and Dennis Rowghane. Transactions between Perrot and Rowghane.

May 5. Grant to Richard Fletcher of restitution of the temporalities belonging to the bishopric of Bristol. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant of commendam for the said Bishop of Bristol to retain the Rectory of Alderchurch *alias* Alderkirk and the prebend of Stow Longa in the Cathedral of Lincoln, and other livings, notwithstanding his bishopric. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant of lease to Thos. Grene of certain lands and tenements in Hesill, in the county of Kingston-upon-Hull, for the term of 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant to John Worth, yeoman of the chamber, of the keeping of the Castle and Gaol of Lincoln. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Appointment of Peter Proby to the office of Post of Chester, with the fee of 2*s.* per diem, and allowances of five marks for every journey he shall make to the Court. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Warrant to pay to Robt. Bowes the sum of 119*l.* by him laid out for special service in Scotland. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Purchase by John Conyers and Francis Gofton, of lands, of the yearly value of 49*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, paying for the same the sum of 1,284*l.* 9*s.* 7½*d.* [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant of lease in reversion to Matthew Petley of the Rectory of Lullington, and one tenement in Woodthorpe, in the counties of Derby and Lincoln, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Purchase by John Cage of lands of the yearly value of 12*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, paying therefor the sum of 608*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Warrant to pay to Mr. Fortescue, Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, the sum of 100*l.* monthly, to be by him issued by direction of the Lord Treasurer. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant to James Thomas, *alias* Blue Mantle, pursuivant at arms, of the office of Chester Herald, with the fee of 20 marks per annum. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Warrant to pay to Sir Tho. Shirley, treasurer of the forces in the Low Countries, the sum of 9,503*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for provision of summer apparel for the soldiers there, and such further sums as shall be due to Geo. Leicester and other merchants, for supplying the same. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant of presentation of John Beauchamp, B.D., to the parsonage of Barnack, in the diocese of Peterborough. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Grant to Tho. Cely of an annuity or yearly pension of 30*l.* for life. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. Purchase by Henry Best and John Welles of lands of the yearly value of 71*l.* 1*s.* 9¾*d.* paying for the same the sum of 2,218*l.* 15*s.* 2¼*d.* [*Docquet.*]

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May 5. Grant of lease in reversion to Henry Tamworth at the suit of Ric. Cotes, of lands pertaining to the manor of Sheriffhutton, co. York, for the term of 31 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 5. 8. Brief note of certain helliers' work and other labourers, and materials, for repair of Godshouse at Portsmouth.

May 5. 9. Certificate signed by the Earl of Sussex, of the wages due to the gunners at Portsmouth from the 29th of September 1589 to the 6th of May 1590.

May 6. Greenwich. 10. The Queen to the Mayor, &c., of Exeter. Order to deliver up Philip Hart, a condemned criminal remaining in their gaol, to George Carey, Esq., to serve under Capt. John Dowdall, in the wars in Ireland, and not to return to England without express licence.

May 7. The Court. 11. Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice Chamberlain to Lord Burghley. Sends an estimate of the charge for the continuing a course of understanding how things pass in Flanders, France, and Spain, set down by D. James and Peter Proby. Names of persons to be so employed. Her Majesty, hearing of the arrival of the King of Scots, thought to send the Earl of Worcester instead of the Earl of Lincoln, and of staying the bed and hangings with their furniture, which was to be presented to the King. Hopes Burghley will better advise her.

May 7? 12. The names of foreign places from whence Mr. Secretary Walsyngham was accustomed to receive his advertisements of the state of public affairs. Agents on the Borders and in Scotland; about the Queen of Scots; among the foreign ambassadors and Papists, &c.

May 7. 13. Estimate of provisions for 8,660 men, to be employed at sea for two months. Proportion for the ships under Sir Martin Frobisher.

May 7. 14. Estimate for victualling of the six of Her Majesty's ships appointed to the seas under the charge of Sir John Hawkyns.

May 7. 15. Note of the charge for setting forth of six of Her Majesty's ships to the seas, under the command of Sir John Hawkyns, and eight ships under Sir Martin Frobisher.

May 9. London. 16. Peter Wentworth to Lord Burghley. Laments his displeasure and heavy countenance so long continues towards him, and desires to be reconciled and to be received into favor. His urging of Burghley to seek the favor of God in the preservation of his church and people.

May 9. Warrant to pay to Sir John Hawkyns, Treasurer of the Navy, the sum of 450*l.* for seamen's wages. [*Docquet.*]

May 9. Warrant to pay to Christopher Parkins, 300*l.* for the charges of his journey to Poland and Prussia, on the Queen's service. [*Docquet.*]

May 9. Grant to John Terry of a Gunner's room in the Tower for life, with the fee of 6*d.* per diem. [*Docquet.*]

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May 9. Grant of incorporation to the inhabitants of Newcastle-under-Lyme, co. Stafford, by the name of Mayor, Bailiffs, and Head Burgesses, at the suit of the Earl of Essex. [*Docquet.*]

May 11. 17. N. Strange to Lord Burghley. Gives intelligence he received at Lisbon. The King of Spain was not able to send any power for England or Ireland this year, but intended to employ his forces in France, under the command of Sir Wm. Stanley. Ships on the coast of Portugal. The fear of the English fleet was so great at Lisbon that the people sent their goods 30 leagues inland. Designs on Ireland.

May 10. 18. Note of the charge of 1,000 men, to be discharged out of Her Majesty's army at Chatham. Wages of men serving under Sir John Hawkyns and Sir Martin Frobisher.

May 11. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Constable, 900*l.* 17*s.* 5*s.* for powder and munition and other warlike stores, to be sent into Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, and the Isle of Wight, and for provision for the use of 12 of Her Majesty's ships to be sent to the seas. [*Docquet.*]

May 11. Grant of lease in reversion to the Marchioness of Northampton of the manor of Ashley and Manyngford, in the county of Wilts, for the term of 41 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 11. Grant of lease to Sir George Hennadge of certain lands and tenements in Sutton Trusthorpe, co. Lincoln, for the term of 21 years [*Docquet.*]

May 11. Warrant to pay to Tho. Randolph, Master of the Posts, the surplusage of 143*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.*, due upon account, and 75*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* for wages of the posts between London and Rye, with a yearly allowance of 1,250*l.* for discharge of the ordinary payments incident to the same office. [*Docquet.*]

May 11. Grant of pardon for William Stratton, condemned for robbery by the highway side. [*Docquet.*]

May 11. Grant of pardon for George Grame, condemned for burglary and felony. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. London. 19. Peter Wentworth to Lord Burghley. Expresses grateful thanks for his courteous and gentle letter. Praises God for it, who is the only worker of all good. Offers him his true and faithful heart in the Lord.

May 18. 20. Articles submitted by the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex to the Lord Lieutenant touching the musters and defences of the shire State of Tilbury Fort. Abuse of the purveyors.

May 13 21. General certificate of all the able men, horses, armour, and weapon within the county of Essex, at the musters taken in April and May 1590. Delivered to the Lord Lieutenant by Sir Henry Graye, Sir Thos. Mildemay, and Sir John Petre, the deputy lieutenants.

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May 14. Roone [q. Rouen]. 22. Antony Bowrne to Sir Wm. Babington. Had lent Mr. Wenman 500*l.*, and on demanding assurance for the same, he refuses to give any. Requests Babington to speak with Wenman.

May 14. 23. Brief declaration of the expenditure of the sum of 10,000*l.* received by Mr. Quarles for victualling the Navy for two months under Hawkyns and Frobisher.

May 17. 24. Estimate of the charge of wages for twelve of Her Majesty's ships and two pinnaces, in two squadrons, under Sir John Hawkins and Sir Martin Frobisher, for four months, and for the wages and discharge of 1,000 men at Chatham.

May 17. 25. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of public business.

May 17. Grant of lease in reversion to John Lee of the Chantry of Iccombe, co. Gloucester, for 31 years, the former grant to him being void in law. [*Docquet.*]

May 17. Grant of pardon for Henry Gyver, condemned for burglary. [*Docquet.*]

May 18. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir John Hawkyns the sum of 10,304*l.* 15*s.*, for the various expenses of the Navy. [*Docquet.*]

May 18. Grant to Ralph Westrop of the office of Serjeant-at-arms. [*Docquet.*]

May 18. Warrant to Sir Rob. Constable, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, to deliver to the Earl of Sussex certain stores of powder, shot, and other habiliments of war, for the stores at Portsmouth. [*Docquet.*]

May 18. Grant to Cuthbert Roull of the toll of a mill and the profits of the Bows in the county of York. [*Docquet.*]

May 18. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to the Earl of Sussex certain sums for provisions and munition supplied by him to the Lord Admiral when the Spaniards were in the Narrow Seas, and for other services. [*Docquet.*]

May 20. 26. Declaration of the ships and mariners employed in the service of the merchants trading to Turkey and the dominions of the Seignory of Venice; with statement of the tolls levied on all commodities imported and exported by English merchants.

May 20. 27. Declaration by William Necton of the receipts and payments for the late Earl of Arundel and the Lady his wife, from the 17th of June 1589 to Easter Eve 1590.

May 23. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay the sum of 2,000*l.* to such person and cause as the Lord Treasurer doth know Her Majesty's pleasure to be. [*Docquet.*]

May 23. Purchase made by Robert Paddon and John Mowlesworth of lands of the yearly value of 61*l.* 13*s.* 9½*d.*, paying 1,857*l.* 15*s.* 3½*d.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

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May 33. Purchase by Rowland Watson, Esq., of lands of the clear yearly value of 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, paying for the same the sum of 760*l.* [*Docquet.*]

May 23. Grant of lease to Roger, Tho., and Richard Owen, sons of Tho. Owen, serjeant-at-law, of the manors of Arustley, in the county of Montgomery. for term of their lives. [*Docquet.*]

May 23. Purchase made by Edward Carill, Esq., of lands of the clear yearly value of 19*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* for the sum of 298*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* [*Docquet.*]

May 23. Grant of lease in reversion to James Harden, one of Her Majesty's musicians, of certain lands and tenements in the counties of Essex, Middlesex, and Surrey. [*Docquet.*]

May 23. Purchase by Richard Swayne and Thomas Freake of lands of the clear yearly value of 64*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, paying 1,915*l.* 13*s.* 11½*d.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

May 24. 28. Payments upon certain warrants for the Navy from the 14th of December 1588 to May 1590.

May 26. 29. Note of payments for Ireland and the Low Countries since Michaelmas last.

May 26. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to the Earl of Worcester 5*l.* by the day for his entertainment and diet while ambassador in Scotland. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Warrant to pay to Tho. Wylkes, Esq., Clerk of the Council, 40*s.* by the day for his entertainment while engaged on special service in the Low Countries. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant of lease to John Chapman of a tenement called Radbroke and certain lands in Gloucester for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant of pardon to Humphrey Selby, condemned for horse stealing. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Order for re-admission for Francis Pope into the Company of Merchants Adventurers, having lost his freedom by marrying a wife born beyond seas. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant of lease in reversion to the tenants of divers lands in the counties of York and Northampton, at the suit of Ambrose Lupo, one of Her Majesty's musicians. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant to Thomas Ravis, B.D., of the reversion of a prebend in Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Purchase by Tho. Parry, Esq., of lands of the clear yearly value of 32*l.* 1*s.* 0½*d.* for the sum of 1,020*l.* 12*s.* [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant to George Roper and Daniel Dockwray of the moiety of the goods forfeited by John Pauncefote, a recusant. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Discharge for certain Frenchmen dwelling in London of the first payment of the subsidy. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant to Tho. Watson of the office of Governor of the hospital of Holloway, co. Middlesex, for life. [*Docquet.*]

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May 26. Grant to Robert Marche of an almsroom in Christ's Church, Oxford, for life. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant of pardon to John Wollock and John Gibson, condemned for robbery. [*Docquet.*]

May 27. 30. Interrogatories, by Burghley, for Dennis Rowghane, priest, relative to his charges against Sir John Perrot. Desire of the Lords of the Council that he should set down in writing such further matter as is true, and any more, to confirm his former accusations.

May 28. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice-Chamberlain, the sum of 150*l.* for secret service. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Grant of lease in reversion to Humfrey Michell of lands and tenements in New and Old Windsor, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Grant in reversion to John Grenewaie of the office of Clerk of the Ordnance, with a fee of 8*d.* per diem, after the death of Wm. Paynter. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Grant to Tho. and Rich. Abington of the remainder of certain lands on payment of 2,034*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* due to Her Majesty by John Abington, their father, for his office of Cofferer. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Warrant to the Exchequer to discharge certain lands assured to Her Majesty by Tho. and Richard Abington for payment of the debts of John Abington, their father, in respect of his office of Cofferer. [*Docquet.*]

May 30. 31. Answer made by Sir Geffery Fenton to certain notes delivered to him 19th May 1590, touching Dennis Rowghane, in connection with his charges against Sir John Perrot. Rowghane and Henry Bird committed to prison for counterfeiting Perrot's hand to certain warrants.

May 30. 32. Paper containing lists of privy seals, injunctions, attachments, commissions, and dedimus potestatem, granted to many persons in various suits; signed by Ric. Oseley. The names of the parties are as follow:—To Hugh Lloyd Lewes, Lewes Owen, Tho. Hyne, Ric. Richman, Rowland Dande, John Darrell, Abraham Francke, Robt. Robins, Rich. Parker, Margaret Barton, William Crowe, Ric. Lambe, Wm. Clarke, Tho. Downes, Edward Longe, Anker Shorte, W. Martyn, Wm. Browne, Christopher Thistlewood, Francis Howett, Rafe Waller, Tho. Rowesley, Walter Hawarde, Tho. Seaman, Tho. Beckingham, John Walton, Ro. Rolfe, John Every, Wm. Dowgyll, Hugh Brinckhurst, Stephen Leggatt, Henry Fynch, Roger Sedgwicke, Tho. Cordell, Henry Izod, Tho. Fletcher, Geo. Fitzwilliams, Geo. Goddall, Henry Nevill, Hugh Kelsterne, Wm. Thorne, Andrew Barrett, John Smythe, Wm. Holman, Edmond Ludlowe, Gartred Michell, Ro. Barker, Henry Vylett, John Prycoat, John Fyndall, Wm. Greene, Reg. Greene, Eliz. Salesbury, Ric. Becke, Fr. Wolman, Tho. Lea, Michael Woodcocke, Mary Vaughan, John Locke, John Lunsford, Seathe Holmes, Agnes Elrington, Nath.

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Smythe, Ro. Boroughe, Christopher Tomson, John Tompson, the Sheriffs of London, Tho. Crossbye, the Sheriffs of Middlesex, Anth. Leather, John Trefry, Esq., John Joseph, Tho. Steeven, Richard Taverner, John Sybthorpe, Michael Jobson, John Champneis, Tho. Richardson, Wm. Richardson, Clement Fisher, John Nethermill, John Mylles, Nicholas Garneis, Peter Marchant, Tho. Osborne, Tho. Brampton, George Jaques, Ro. Wythe, Wm. Boyle, Ric. Vayne, Walter Williams, Wm. Clarke, Edmond Leversage, John Cottington, Wm. Bronker, Ro. Hancocke, Wm. Jennings, Wm. Payler, John Atkinson, Wm. Richardson, Richardyn Bishop, John Walpoole, John Keye, Tho. Oxet, Wm. Deye, Ro. Stevens, Tho. Ryppon, Josias Clarke, John Argent, Chr. Elmeston, Dorothy Trawle, George Butler, and Francis Phillipps.

May 31. Grant of lease for three lives to Johan Hynde, Tho. Urrey, and Robt. Urrey, of a capital messuage in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. [*Docquet.*]

May 31. 33. Declaration by Thomas Cordell relative to the restraint on the importation of wines, corinths, and other merchandise, from Candia and the Levant. Transactions of Acerbo Velutelli. The imposts levied by the Venetians on English merchants have not yet been withdrawn.

May. 34. The Queen to the Lord Chief Justice and Judges of the King's Bench. Desiring them to make a speedy and amicable settlement between the Lady Holcroft and her son, Thomas Holcroft, concerning lands in Streatham, co. Surrey, claimed by Lady Holcroft.

May. 35. Note of munition and habiliments of war required by the Earl of Sussex for supply of the town of Portsmouth; signed by Robt. Constable and Jo. Powell.

June 3. 36. Lists of privy seals, injunctions, commissions, dedimus potestatem, &c., granted in various suits: signed Ric. Oseley. The parties' names follow:—George Smythe, Tho. Adams, Geo. Nevill, John Heigham, Henry Everard, Charles Cornwaleys, Tho. Peerse, Tho. Elton, Wm. Reynolds, Henry Wyckley, Tho. Stevenson, Edmund Elmes, Ro. Wigmor, John Harrison, John Coles, Sir Ro. Stapleton, Tho. Joanes, John Sparke, John Branche, Eliz. Calveley, Edw. Greene, John Matthewe, Marmaduke Lacie, Ro. Eburrall, John Dethericke, John Honiett, Wm. Goodyer, John Praker, Tho. Woode, John Haydon, Tho. Flatman, Ro. Flatman, Edmond Gawen, Jane Hayward, Tho. Davies, Sir Matt. Arrondell, Ambrose Wylde, Ellyn Ley, Isabell Ley, Simon Byrington, David Watkyns, Johan Kerver, Myles Hackluett, Richard and Emme Handes, Wm. Barker, Geo. Graveley, Thos. Pigott, Fr. Stringer, Dorothy Stringer, John Hussey, Tho. Fockingham, Griffith ap William, Owen Roberts, Ric. Gray, Sir Henry Brooke Cobham, Emery Tylney, Nich. Stratford, Tho. Birte, Ric. Franck, John Webbe, Wm. Crowe, Ric. Lambe, Bevell Mowldesworth, Wm. Allen, Ralph Hayes, Tho. Parker, Ellyn Ley, Isabell Ley, John Upton, Ro. Wheeler, Tho. Dabridgecorte, John Eyton, Griffith Hampden, Anthony Greenwey, Edward Wyer,

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Wm. Tickell, Ric. Sweete, John Meade, Wm. Farmer, and Jo. Collens, Earl of Derby, Edw. Norris, Sir Nicholas Bacon, Geo. Duke, Tho. Kigheley, Tho. Chaffin, John Matthewe, Andrew Mitchell, the Sheriffs of London, Christopher Bell, Edmund Wyndham, Margaret Harpur, Nicholas Golightly, Rowland Peires, and Anne Andrewes.

June 4. 37. Declaration made to Lord Burghley by Hastings Vause, touching the staying of Bird. He and one of his fellows stayed John Bird, knowing that a warrant was out against him.

June. 4. 38. Petition of John Burnell to Lord Burghley. Solicits payment of 876*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* due to him for cordage delivered into Her Majesty's storehouse at Deptford in 1588 and 1589.

June 6. 39. Abstract of the ancient customs and new imposts levied in the Isles of Zante, Zephalonia, and Candia, under the government of the Seignory of Venice; and of the like customs taken of merchant strangers in England.

June 6. 40. Memoranda of public business in Lord Burghley's hand:— Mills at London Bridge,

June 8. 41. Sir John Perrot to Lord Burghley. His conscience is clear from crime in the matters he is accused of. Rather than any spark of trouble should come to any for his sake, he will with good will choose the Tower. He desires to be charged and licensed to answer.

June 8. Greenwich. 42. Anthony Ashley to Sir Jul. Cæsar and Danl. Rogers. The Lords of the Council desire their attendance on the morrow in a matter of controversy between Sir Walter Luson and a Dane.

June 9. London. 43. Information sent from England into Spain. Giving intelligence of the number of soldiers and mariners. State of the Queen's navy in the Thames. Order for defence of the country. Death of Secretary Walsyngham, who was buried the next day in St. Paul's Church near the body of Philip Sidney, his son-in-law. He died greatly in debt. Italian.

June 11. urghley'shouse. 44. Michael Hickes to Lord Burghley. Had received the papers containing the interrogataries ministered to Dennis O'Rowghane, priest, and had delivered them to him in the Gatehouse, and directed him to set down in writing his observations upon them. Progress of O'Rowghane in writing his answers: his levity. Mr. Solicitor had sent to his lordship the proceedings with Sir John Perrot. *Incloses,*

44. 1. *Note of the papers delivered to Dennis Rowghane, priest; in all* 21 *papers.*

June 11. 45. Tho. Egerton, Solicitor General, to Burghley. Has spent the forenoon in examining Richard Hardinge and John Garlande. Recommends that Rowghane the priest be re-examined and be made to answer to the contrarieties wherewith he is charged.

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June 12. 46. Note of papers delivered to Sir Dennis Rowghane, Priest, and his receipt for the same, including the examinations of John Garlande and Richard Hardinge.

June 13. 47. Note of Privy Seals to Elizabeth Chidley and Elizabeth Owsley at the suit of Roger Goteham; of an injunction to Geo. Baker at the suit of Samuel Knowles, and a Privy Seal to Tho. and William Wayland at the suit of Richard Aldrich.

June 14. From Burghley's house. 48. Sir John Perrot to Burghley. Urges to be at once charged and heard, which he has not yet been. It is more than death itself that Her Majesty should hold his loyalty in suspense. Ill character of the hellish, false, suborned priest Dennis Rowghane. Prays that the Lord Deputy of Ireland may not be on the commission for examining any of the persons named by Rowghane. *Incloses,*

48. I. *Interrogatories by Sir John Perrot to be ministered to Dennis Rowghane, the priest. As to his confession that he and not Bird had counterfeited Sir John Perrot's hand. His frequent change of religion from Prostestant to Papistry.*

June [14.] 49. John Popham to Mr. Asheley. To remember Her Majesty to appoint which of the Lords shall repair to-morrow to Sir John Perrot. Sends all that Howker can say.

June 15. 50. Memorial, in Lord Burghley's hand, of order to be taken for defence of the Isle of Wight, upon any danger of invasion.

June 16. Burghley's house. 51. Perrot to Burghley. Prays that Fox and Henry Bird may be shewn the letter supposed to be written to the King of Spain, and they could tell by whose hand it was written. Wishes that John Morgan, whom Perrot would have hanged for the murder of Wheeler, may be sent for out of Monmouthshire.

June 16. 52. Note of persons to be sent over from Ireland, examined there, &c., touching Sir Dennis Rowghane's informations. To inquire what is become of Morgan that killed Wheeler, also to inquire for Elizabeth Knee at Chester, Rowghane's wife.

June 17. Evesham. 53. Tho. Parker to his cousin St. John and Mr. Armyger. Charges them with unkindness in not writing to him. Desires to know of the health of all good fellows, and who has the best hawks for river and field.

June 18. 54. Sir John Harte, Lord Mayor, Sir Edw. Osborne, Sir Geo. Barne, and others, merchants of London, incorporated for the Turkey trade, to Lord Burghley. Request that Her Majesty would grant to them without delay their patent of privileges, otherwise they were unable to pay the expenses of Her Majesty's ambassadors at Constantinople. Expenses incident to his agency. The danger

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to Her Majesty if the Porte should conclude a treaty with the King of Spain. Propose to have their privileges at once granted, or that Her Majesty should defray the charges of her agent.

June 19. 55. Muster Roll of the persons dwelling in certain parishes in Hertfordshire mustered before Sir Francis Knollys at St. Alban's, the 27th of Feb. 1588, and exchanged at the delivery of Sir John Brokett's company to Mr. Verney, and so yet remaining in hand delivered to Sir Henry Coningsby.

June 19. 56. Another muster roll of the Company of Sir John Brokett mustered on the same day, and delivered over to Sir H. Coningesby, and to supply the defects in the preceding roll.

June 19. 57. Dennis Rowghane to Lord Burghley. Accuses Sir Nicholas White and the Bishop of Leighlin of having threatened him with hanging unless he should withdraw his accusations against Sir John Perrot.

June 20. Grant to John Stanhope, Esq., of the office of Master of the Posts and Couriers as well in England as in the parts beyond seas, like as Sir John Masone and Thos. Randolph, lately defunct, had held the same. Latin. [*See Warrant Book, Vol.* 1, *p.* 90. *This is clearly dated 4th March,* 9 *Eliz.* 1567, *which was the date of Randolph's patent. He died in* 1590. *Stanhope's patent was dated 20th June* 1590.]

June [20.] Docquet of the above. [*See Docquets, June* 1590.]

June 21. 58. The Queen to the Earl of Pembroke. Has directed Sir Richard Shuttilworth, Esq., the Justice of Chester, being on his way to London, to return to Bewdley, to hold the Sessions for Wales, in consequence of his lordship's indisposition. Advises Pembroke to intimate privately to the Attorney of the Court of of Wales to retire from the Council there, to which, by some extraordinary means, he had been appointed.

June 21. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to the Officers of Works so much money as shall not exceed 2,000*l.* for repair of Her Majesty's houses. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Grant of pardon to Ralph Lawe, Rich. Brereton, and W. Stanly for counterfeiting themselves to be Egyptians. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Grant to John Bawley, of the Bailywick, of the hundreds of East and West Stegg and Blowfield in the county of Norfolk, for life. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Grant to Fridico Jembello, an Italian, of an annuity of 100*l.* per ann. for life. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Grant to Charles Doylie of an annuity of 20*l.* per annum for life upon surrender of the like pension by Wm. Cornwallis. [*Docquet.*]

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June 21. Grant to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of York of authority to take order for the maltkilns, and to hold two additional fairs there annually. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Purchase by Tho. and James Hanam, Esqs., of lands and rents to the yearly value of 62*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.*, paying 1,638*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Purchase by James Clerke, Edward Cottell, and Ric. Locksmyth of lands of the yearly value of 60*l.* 17*s.* 6½*d.*, for which they are to pay 1,773*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Purchase by Tho. Bamburgh, Esq., of lands of the clear value of 35*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, for which he payeth 897*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Purchase by Robert Wyn, Esq., of lands of the clear yearly value of 9*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, paying 291*l.* 5*s.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Purchase by Robert Balthorppe and John Wells of lands of the clear yearly value of 56*l.* 18*s.* 11½*d.*, for which they are to pay 1,298*l.* 6*s.* 6¾*d.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Grant of lease in reversion to the use of the tenants of divers lands and tenements in Amble, in the county of York, at the suit of Henry Mowsdale and Henry Paul. [*Docquet.*]

June 21. Warrant to the Exchequer to deliver to Sir John Carmighell, Ambassador from the King of Scots, 500*l.*, and the Lord Treasurer to take a bill testifying the receipt of the same to the use of the said King. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. 59. William Cotgreve, Mayor of Chester, to Burghley. Has examined Elizabeth Rowghane *alias* Knee, and transmits the same. *Incloses,*

59. I. *Examination of Elizabeth Rowghane, daughter of Thomas Knee. Her marriage with Sir Denis Rowghane, an Irish priest, he being then a follower of Sir John Perrot, to whom he was chaplain.*

June 24. 60. Certificate, under the hand of the Earl of Sussex, of money due to the Governors of Portsmouth for wages from the last of September 1589 to the 24th of June 1590.

June 24. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Owyn Hopton, Lieutenant of the Tower, 356*l.*, for wages of himself and attendants, and for the diet and charges of the prisoners for one quarter. [*Docquet.*]

June 24. Grant to Richard Drake, Esq., of the Stewardship of the Courts and Leets within Her Majesty's manor of Woking in Surrey and the mastership of the game there. [*Docquet.*]

June 24. Purchase by Sir John Davers of lands of the clear annual value of 41*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.*, for which he is to pay 1,200*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* to her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

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June 24. Warrant to the Archbishop and the Dean and Chapter of York to pay to the receiver of Yorkshire 700*l.* out of the tenths annually due, for the wages of the garrison of Berwick. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. 61. Note of the number of soldiers to be levied in several counties, and names of the ports at which they were to embark on the 20th of July.

June 25. Greenwich. 62. Richard Coxe to Lord Burghley. Requests the wardship of Robert Crane, Her Majesty's ward. *Incloses,*

62. 1. *Particulars of the wardship of Robert Crane, of Chilton, Suffolk, next heir to Robert Crane, his grandfather.*

June 25. 63. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Declares that Sir John Perrot did write to the King of Spain that England was a broken ship within itself. Charges Perrot with designs against Essex, Sir Walter Raleigh, and others; and that Sir Francis Knollys, although an ancient councillor, was like to overthrow England, if he could; that Sir Wm. Knollys looks to have been King of England, &c. Indorsed by Burghley, "*a very vayn tre.*

June 26. 64. Same to same. Explains his last letter, that Sir John Perrot sought to throw suspicion on Sir Francis and Sir William Knollys and all that loyal family. Declares by the power of God that all his former matters against Perrot are true. Indorsed by Burghley, "*a fryvoloss tre.*"

June 26. 65. Remembrances from the Earl of Sussex for repairing and improving the defences of the town of Portsmouth. Various works to be executed.

June 26. 66. Note of the charges for the late repairs done at the Queen's house, called God's house, at Portsmouth.

June 28. Greenwich. 67. Tho. Myllington, grocer, of London, to Lord Burghley. Expresses his obligations to the late Sir F. Walsyngham, who befriended him in his grievous distress and protected him from the malice of his enemies. Recapitulates the services he had rendered to Walsyngham, by furnishing him with secret intelligence from abroad. Dangerous practices of Catholics, shown by the example of one Robert Morryes, who carried away a young kinsman of his, to be christened in Spain. Fraudulent dealings of merchants in London, particularly of those engaged in the trade of raisins and currants, as in the case of one Richard Homeden, who (they say) rode to the devil for money. Has some project to impart to remedy all these evils.

June 28. Purchase by Dr. Bailie, one of Her Majesty's physicians in ordinary, of lands of the yearly value of 27*l.* 8*s.* 0¼*d.*, for which he is to pay 715*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

June 28. Purchase by John Cotton of lands of the yearly value of 24*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and to pay 884*l* 7*s.* 6*d.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

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June 28. Grant of presentation to John Kyne, M.A., of the vicarage of East Greenwich, upon the resignation of John Rygate, late incumbent. [*Docquet.*]

June 28. Grant of lease to Jonn Note of certain lands, tenements, and woods in Minster, Charing, Boxley, Maidstone, Canterbury, and Donington, in the counties of Kent and Berks, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June 28. Grant of lease to John Murfin of the manor of Weston, co. Herefordshire, parcel of the possessions of Wm. Shelley, attainted. [*Docquet.*]

June 28. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Henry Wallop, Treasurer at Wars for Ireland, the sum of 10,000*l.* for wages of the Army and ordinary Officers in Ireland. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. Gatehouse. 68. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Business between Harding and Katherine Archer, *alias* Widow Conway. Rowghane denies that he ever brought any warrant to Harding to apprehend priests. Suggests Harding should be strictly examined, and asserts all his statements to be falsehoods.

June. 69. Abstract of the ordinary and extraordinary charges for the office of Her Majesty's ships for the Midsummer quarter 1590, with also the surplusage to be demanded by warrant.

June. 70. Brief note of debts owing to sundry persons, as well for cordage, canvas, anchors, and other provisions for the use of Her Majesty's whole navy, taken upon credit since the 1st of January 1588 till the last of June 1590.

June. 71. Note of sums due to divers merchants for cordage and naval stores, and remaining yet unpaid the last of June 1590.

June. 72. Florent Bacot to Mr. Phillips, Clerk of the Council. Touching affairs of certain Recusants. Desires some assistance for his friend, the spy, who signs 4, who was in great necessity. French.

June? 73. Instructions given by the Queen's Majesty in charge to Sir George Carey, Captain of the Isle of Wight, to put in execution in such sort as by his discretion shall seem meet to the wealth and strength of the said isle.

June. Grant of lease to Edward Crofte, Elizabeth his wife, and Chr. Carrons, Esq., of certain lands and tenements in Casterton and Thornton, in Westmoreland and Yorkshire, for term of their three lives. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of licence to William Carr for seven years to give leave to any persons to brew and sell beer in London and Westminster and adjoining counties. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of pardon to Christopher Sidnam for burglary. [*Docquet.*]

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June. Grant of pardon to Peter Christmas, of Portsmouth, for taking certain goods at sea from Archibald Maxpeden and other Scottish merchants. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of pardon to John Bante and Wm. Stowdley for stealing two mares. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant to John Stanhope, Esq., of the office of Postmaster during life, with the fee of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*Docquet. See also June* 20.]

June. Grant of lease to Arthur Lord Grey, of Wilton, Lady Jane Sibell, his wife, and Tho. Grey, his son, of a tenement in Westminster, for the term of three lives. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease to Nicholas Danby and John Sabb of the manor of Wells, in the county of Norfolk, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to William Webster, of the Fraternity of Eaton, in the county of Bedford, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease to Tho. Showeswell, of certain lands and tenements in Nunnington, co. Kent, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of pardon to Robert Parrett, of Churcheston, Devon, for burglary committed upon John Trehawke, of Menhenytt in Cornwall. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease to Francis Neale of a parsonage and lands lying in Well, Wisbich, and Hinxton, in co. Cambridge, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Lancelot, John, and Richard Skelton, and to the longest liver of them, of two parks called Baron-Wood, and a water miln in the county of Cumberland, for three lives. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease to Gilbert Saltonstall the elder, Samuel his son, and Gilbert Saltonstall, son of Samuel, of the parsonage of Arkesey, in the county of York, for term of their lives. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to George Applebie of the capital, messuage, and manor of Willerby, co. York, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Grant of lease to Robert Whittney, of a sheep course in Thetford, for the term of 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

June. Pardon to Christopher Sidenham, of Timby, for burglary. [*Docquet, April* 22, 1591.]

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July 1. 1. Notes of public business in Lord Burghley's hand.

July 2. 2. Attested copy of the survey of the woods belonging to the manor of Little Malverne, made on the 8th of March 1555. Attested by Peter Osborne, July 2, 1590.

July 4. 3. Sir John Rooper to Lord Burghley. Complains that Sir Tho. Tresame had prevented the amicable settlement of the business between him and Lord Vaux. The cause of Tresame's enmity, arising from the marriage of Geo. Vaux, with the daughter of Sir John.

July 4. 4. The order taken by Sir John Hawkyns, the mayor of Plymouth, and others, relative to the ships and goods taken off the coast of Spain.

July 4. 5. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Understands by Pickering that all his testimony is reckoned false. Craves justice, and that Sir John Perrot's treason and his own may be tried by law. Asserts that he was chained to the bolt by his neck, and a handlock upon his hand and foot, by Sir Edward Moore, in order to retract what he had said against Perrot. Patrick Swayne and Gerrot Dillon, servants to the Bishop of Meath, were his keepers. Denies having two wives; never had but one, and her name was Margaret Leonard. There are several priests of his name in Ireland.

July 4. 6. Same to same. Persists in charging Sir John Perrot with treason. Denies that he ever married the woman of Chester. Prays for justice in all his lawful causes against Sir John Perrot.

July 5. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir John Carmighell, ambassador from the King of Scots, 3,000*l.*, taking a bill under his hand and seal, testifying the same to be for the use of the said King. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Purchase by Alex. Williams and Tho. Darnell, of lands of the yearly value value of 57*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, and to pay 1,966*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of pardon to Henry Ward, of London, for counterfeiting certain shillings, to the number of threescore pieces. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of lease, in reversion, to Henry Shorte, of the demesne lands belonging to the manor of Gillingham, co. Kent, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of lease, in reversion, to Ralph Battie, of the herbage of Beawdley Park, and of divers mills, lands, and tenements in the manor of Beawdley, and of the capital messuage called Copford Hall, co. Essex. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Charles Jones, Tho. and John Morgan, of the parsonages of Awre and Poulton, co. Gloucester, for term of their three lives. [*Docquet.*]

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July 5. Grant of lease to Sir Henry Woodrington of lands, tenements, &c. in Merefeden, Lucker, and Etall, co. Northumberland, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Presentation for Tho. Pembridge, M.A., to the parsonage of Howghton. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of lease upon surrender to Wm. Tho. and Roger Brooke of the tenths of hay and corn belonging to the parsonages of Hudderfield, Lynley, and Longwood, co. York, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Purchase, by Ric. Swayne and Thomas Freke, of lands of the yearly value of 64*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, paying for the same 1,915*l.* 13*s.* 11½*d.* [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Purchase, by Walker Savage, Esq., of lands of the yearly value of 17*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, paying 520*l.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

July 5. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Wm. and John Midleton, of two tenements in Midleton, co. York, for term of three lives. [*Docquet.*]

July 6. 7. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. He does not wrong Sir John Perrot, but will prove all that he has charged him with. Is sorry for his own bad actions against God and Her Majesty. Quotes Scripture to defend his own courses. Desires the Mayor of Chester may be authorized to examine Elizabeth Knee upon certain articles.

July 7. 8. Sir Tho. Tresame to same. Complains of the malicious calumnies and accusations by which his lordship had been deceived in his dealing with the Lord Vaux.

July 8. 9. Sir John Rooper to same. Sir Tho. Tresame was speedily informed by the simple Lord Vaux of the speeches of Burghley at the Council table. Desires that his notes concerning Tresame may not be shown to any one for fear of his malice.

July 12. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Ric. Marten and Hugh Kayle, Her Majesty's goldsmiths, 2,009*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, for jewels, New Year's gifts, mending, making, and gilding of Her Majesty's plate; and other sums to Tho. Greene, the coffermaker, Gilbert Poulson, the locksmith, John Newson, the clockmaker, to the cutlers, and to the beadles of the Goldsmiths. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Purchase, by Tho. Cheyney, Esq., of lands of the yearly value of 11*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, for which he is to pay 170*l.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Tho. Bishoppe, Esq., of lands and tenements, in Beding, co. Sussex, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant to John Knowles, of the office of Sergeant-at-arms, with the fee of 12*d.* by the day, which Ralph Boare, late deceased, had. [*Docquet.*]

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July 12. Grant of pardon to Wm. Wrenne of Horneby, co. York, for stealing two horses belonging to Richard Scott. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Purchase, by Sir Henry Cromwell, of lands of the clear yearly value of 28*l.* 13*l.* 4*d.*, for which he is to pay 860*l.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to James Watson and Tho. Cragges of certain messuages, lands, and tenements in Elwick, within the bishopric of Durham, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Richard Brewster of the manor and parsonage of Great Cornerd, co. Suffolk, parcel of the goods of one John Dannell, outlawed. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Purchase by Arthur Hewett, Tho. Thomlynson, and Wm. Bearblocke, of the reversion to certain messuages and tenements in the city of London, of the yearly value of 33*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, paying 355*l.* for the same to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Robert Hastings of lands and tenements in Hotofte and Mumbie, co. Lincoln, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant to Simon Bowyer of the moiety of all fines and forfeitures for breach of two statutes regulating the sale of wool. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of pardon to Tho. Trafford of Wrixham, Denbigh, for robbing John Hewes on the Queen's highway. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of pardon to John Davies of Forbridge, Stafford, for horse-stealing. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of pardon to Richard Brooke, of Gresbrock, co. York, for a burglary committed in the house of William Rogerson. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Robert Barnes and Tho. Thorpe of two messuages in Hanney, co. Lincoln, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Reynold, Mary, and William Mohun, for three lives, of the parsonage and tenths of Lanteglos, co. Cumberland, for term of their lives. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant to Walter and Henry Jennynges of the joint patency of the office of "Purvior" of Her Majesty's works. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of pardon to Wm. Gittins of Aston Rogers, Shropshire, for robbing one Fulck Bushopp on the Queen's highway. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Grant of lease to Thomas Powell, Hallewell Thomas, and David Powell, of the parsonage of Brecknock, co. Brecknock, for their lives. [*Docquet.*]

July 12. Purchase by Roger Wilbraham, Esq., of three wiche-houses and a half, in Namptwich, co. Chester, of the yearly value of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, at the price of 163*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Docquet.*]

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July 14. 10. Roger Earl of Rutland to Lord Burghley. Tells him their "great commencement at Cambridge" was now finished. Commendations to Lord Southampton. Doubts if he should kill one buck this summer.

July 14. Purchase by Lady Cheney of lands of the yearly value of 15*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, for which she is to pay 539*l.* 12*s.* 4¾*d.*, and is done by virtue of Her Majesty's commission for the sale of lands. [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Grant of lease to Paul Wentworth, Esq., of the site of the monastery of Burnham, in the county of Buckingham, for 31 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Grant of pardon to Tho. Maldon of Royston, Hertford, for robbing John Pett of velvet, silk, and other stuffs on the highway. [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Edward Stafford 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per diem while ambassador in France, and 500*l.* as Her Majesty's free gift and reward. His bills to be signed by the Lord Treasurer during the vacancy of the office of Secretary of State. [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Horatio Palavicino 53*s.* per diem while an ambassador in France, with an advance of 200*l.* by way of imprest. [*Docquet.*]

July 15. Shelford. 11. Sir Tho. Stanhope to Lord Burghley. Assures him that he had never sought to procure the young Earl of Southampton in marriage for his daughter, as he knew Burghley intended a marriage between him and the Lady Vayer [Vere?]. His friendship and obligations to Lady Southampton, to whom he was much bound for her honorable courtesies to his wife and daughter.

July 15. [Eltham.] 12. Lord Chancellor Hatton to same. Has received his letters, and can well witness his endless travail, but they all feel and know affairs are in good hands. Lord Cobham and himself rely "upon this hope of Parry's." Expects to-morrow to be at London.

July 15. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to John Stanhope, Esq., as Master of the Posts, 1,250*l.* for discharge of the ordinary payments incident to that office, according to the warrant allowed to Tho. Randolph, deceased, late Postmaster. [*Docquet.*]

July 15. Purchase by Ralph Horsey and John Fitz-James of certain tithes in Week, Estbury, Overcombe, Nethercombe, and Thorneford, co. Dorset. [*Docquet.*]

July 15. Grant of an annuity of 20*l.* per annum to Eliz. Huggin, widow, for her life. [*Docquet.*]

July 16. 13. The answer of the Company of Merchants trading to Turkey to the six articles concerning the regulation of their trade. Brief notice of the amount of their traffic since their incorporation in

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September 1582. Names of places at which they trade, and the commodities they traffic in. *Inclosing,*

13. I. *The number ships and of mariners employed in the Company trading to Turkey from* 1583 *to* 1588 *inclusive.*

July 16. 14. The answer of the Company of Merchants trading to Venice to the five articles submitted to them by Lord Burghley. Number of ships employed by them. Imposition levied by the Seignory of Venice.

July 16. 15. Deed of sale from Elizabeth Cleyton to Tho. Ellyott (son of Tho. Ellyott and Jane his wife, daughter of Tho. Shotsam), of a tenement in the parish of St. Mary-at-Hill, now in the tenure of Albert Atkynson.

July 17. Benington. 16. Letitia Countess of Leicester, and wife of Sir Christopher Blount, to Lord Burghley. Is sorry to find that after so long a time so little good has been effected in the suit between her brother of Warwick and herself. Refuses to depart from the first composition. It is desirable for her to have Clybery and Ernwood in lease, as occasions might draw her into that country where the gentleman whom she has married is already seated.

July 20. 17. Dennis Rowghane to same. Desires justice and the benefit of Her Majesty's laws against Sir J. Perrot. Scripture quotations. Requests that Rice Thomas, Sir John Perrot's chamberlain, may be examined upon certain articles. Sir John's men come about the Gatehouse hearkening and spying to speak with Sir Denis. Fears his wife may be tampered with by Sir Nicholas White or the Bishop of Leighlin. Is desirous to see Elizabeth Knee, who mistakes him to be her husband. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Articles by Denis Rowghane to be ministered to Rice Thomas, chamberlain to Sir John Perrot these* 14 *years past, and who hath the keeping of his treasure and plate. Seizure of Rowghane's vestments and other property pertaining to him as a priest. Death of Wheeler by John Morgan.*

July 20. Purchase by Edward Colles, Esq., of lands of the clear yearly value of 49*l.* 16*s.*, paying 1,743*l.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Charles, Elizabeth, and William Banckes of lands and tenements in Langley Woodland, within the Bishopric of Durham, for their three lives. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of lease to Tho. Midlecott of lands in Whaplod-Fleet and Anderby, co. Lincoln, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of licence to Walter Williams of Bristol, to occupy the trade of a clothier during the minority of George Nicholles, son of Wm. Nicholles. [*Docquet.*]

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July 20. Purchase by William Walsh, Esq., of the Manor of Upton Snowdesbury, co. Worcester, of the yearly value of 23*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, at the price of 839*l.* 11*s.* 3½*d.* [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Purchase by Edw. Cordell, Esq., and Lady Abigail his wife, of the parsonage of Colleshill, of the yearly value of 7*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, for which they pay 230*l.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant to Dudley Askham, son of Roger Askham, of the yearly rent of 18*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* out of the parsonage of Whittleford, co. Cambridge, for life. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Lewis Ap-Gyttyns of the tenths and tithes of corn in Burton, co. York, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of lease to Robert Dawson of seven messuages or tenements in Ripon, co. York, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant to Tho. Goore of a gunner's room in the Tower of London with the fee of 6*d.* a day for life. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of pardon to William Griffeth, of Bradley Green, in Cheshire, for killing of Johan [or John] Maddocke. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of pardon to Wm. Combe, of Shute, for robbing Richard Duning on the Queen's highway. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Grant of pardon to Richard Risheforth of Rotherham, co. York, for the killing of Henry Maxfeild. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Presentation of Richard Remyngton, M.A., to the Archdeaconry of the East Riding, York. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Purchase by Tho. Thornton and Tho. Woodcocke of lands of the yearly value of 19*l.* 13*s.*, paying 688*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Purchase by Everard Digbye of the rectory of Brustwick and Stockling, of the yearly value of 12*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the sum of 381*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* [*Docquet.*]

July 20. Purchase by Francis Goston and Henry Best of land of the yearly value of 76*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.*, for which they pay 2,305*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

July 22. At the Court. 18. Sir Tho. Heneage, Vice Chamberlain, to Lord Burghley. Her Majesty does not think much of Andrea's discovery. She is displeased with Mr. Bowes's letters touching the Master of Gray's acquainting the King of Scots with the false device. She will write to the King of Scots herself.

July 23. 19. The Queen to the Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Recommends Dr. Jegon, President of Queen's College, to the mastership of Corpus, void by death of Dr. Capcotes.

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July 24. 20. Articles to be ministered to Rice Thomas, as to his knowledge of the committal of Dennis Rowghane to Newgate in Dublin; his saying mass to Sir John Perrot, and receiving from him a stipend, performance of mass, &c.

July 27. 21, 22. Memorial of public business by Lord Burghley. [*Two papers.*]

July 31. Chester. 23. Wm. Cotgreve, mayor, and Richard Birkened, recorder of Chester, to Lord Burghley. Have drawn up interrogatories, and examined Elizabeth Knee, alias Rowghane, upon them. Her poor estate and condition. *Inclosing,*

23. I. *Interrogatories to be ministered to Eliz. Knee, alias Rowghane.*

23. II. *Examination of Elizabeth Knee, the wife of Dennis Rowghane, priest. Her first acquaintance with Rowghane, and marriage with him. The parties present at the marriage. Issue of the marriage. Chester, July* 18.

July. 24. Account of cordage, masts, and oars delivered into Her Majesty's storehouse and dock at Deptford; with the quantities still remaining at Dantzic.

July? 25. Heads of matters to be resolved upon by the Lords, to repress the multiplying of buildings and reception of inmates in the city of London; inconvenience of pulling down tenements, and so to turn out inmates; to be considered whether it were not better to forbear this kind of sharp proceeding.

Aug. 1. 26. Memorial of public business in Lord Burghley's hand.

Aug. 5. 27. Lord Willoughby to Lord Burghley. Can add nothing to his good will. Returns him thanks for his last answer.

Aug. 5. Westminster Prison. 28. John Lesley to the Bishop of Ross. Had been taken prisoner at Hythe, and committed to Westminster prison till he should obtain the release of John Welles, an English courier imprisoned in Rouen. Desires him to procure his liberty. French.

Aug. 7. Blackfriars. 29. Vincent Skynner to Lord Burghley. Has imparted to Mr. Beale his instructions. Touching the treaties relating to the trade of the Hamburghers and the Hanze Towns; their privileges. Opposition to the Pope by his own clergy. Favor to Mr. Fisher, prisoner in the Fleet, and to other prisoners.

Aug. 7. 30. Bond of Robert Earl of Essex, in the sum of 10,000 marks, to observe, keep, and perform all the covenants and agreements expressed in a certain pair of indentures between the Queen's Majesty and the said Earl of Essex.

Aug. 7. 31. Notes in the hand of Lord Burghley, of the points of information given Lewis Lewknor. Amount of monthly allowances to English fugitives and prisoners in Flanders and elsewhere. Lord

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Paget had 180 crowns a month and died at Brussels. The Countess of Northumberland, furiously mad, hath 100 crowns a month at Namur. Names and particulars of many other fugitives, and of great officers in Flanders.

Aug. 8. 32. List of such persons English, Irish, and Scottish, as have pensions of the King of Spain, amount of allowance to each, particulars of their friends and connexions, as certified by Mr. Lewknor at his return out of the Low Countries.

Aug. 8. 33. Book of the soldiers at Portsmouth under the government of the Earl of Sussex, stating their names and the amount of wages due to them, from the 12th of July to the 8th of August 1590.

Aug. 9. 34. Note of the places most needful to be repaired in the castle of Chester, with estimate of the charge of the same, not including timber.

Aug. 10. 35. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Scripture quotations. Prays in his great necessity for a supply of clothing. The Commissioners testified falsely that the Lord Deputy commanded the Constable to supply him with apparel.

Aug. 10. 36. Dennis Rowghane to the Council. In answer of Robert Caddell's letter to Perrot. The man Rowland Bullock to be examined under promise of favor and pardon, especially touching Perrot's letter to the King of Spain, and whether Bullock counterfeited Sir John's hand. Imprisonment of Patrick Condon and Patrick Fitzmorishe. Transactions with Irish priests. Thade Hallen, the priest, was a vagabond. If Rowghane had justice according to the laws of God and Her Majesty, he would despatch Sir John Perrot out of the world, &c.

Aug. 10. 37. The answer of Dennis Rowghane to the accusations contained in the examination of Elizabeth Knee. Denies all knowledge of her. Assertions to prove there could have been no marriage between Elizabeth Knee and him. Desires to be confronted face to face with her.

Aug. 10. 38. Latin verses, headed GUALTERUS HADDONUS. On the back is a horoscope, probably of Walter Haddon, as the centre contains the initials W. H.

Aug. 11. Portsmouth. 39. Intelligence brought by Simon Mockesitch, of Lyme, on his return from the island of Fayall. Has been well treated among the Spaniards. They daily expect the return of the Spanish fleet from the West Indies. The people of Fayall fear their island would be again sacked this year by the English. On his return home, he met Sir Martin Frobisher, with ten of Her Majesty's ships, thirty leagues off St. Michael's; but could hear nothing of Sir John Hawkyns.

Aug. 12. Grant of presentation to Samuel Proctor, B.A., of the vicarage of Islington, co. Middlesex. [*Docquet.*]

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Aug. 12. Grant of pardon to Robert Browne, of London, for killing John Bray in fight. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 12. Purchase by Richard Knollis and John Rand of the manor of Cottingham, co. Northampton, of the yearly value of 8*l.*, for which they are to pay 240*l.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 12. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir Tho. Sherley 14,228*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* to provide winter apparel for the forces in the Low Countries. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 12. Warrant to pay to Francis James 91*l.*, and to Tho. Palmer 50*l.* 8*s.*, expended for Her Majesty's service at St. John de Luz. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 12. Tower. 40. Anonymous letter from some person in the Tower to ———. Desiring him to remember the two tuns of Gascony wine he had promised to him.

Aug. 12. 41. Bond of John Ireland in the sum of 10*l.* for the payment by George Ireland to John Daniel of certain tithes in Deresbury.

Aug. 13. Fountehill. 42. Lady Lucia Audely to Sir John Conway, that her brother Bowrne is fallen to repentance of his good dedes, and now demands of her a sum of money as a debt, which he voluntarily gave her. Acknowledges in curtesy to owe him as friendly a turn; and desires he may be told, that he has a treasure in store, with the increase; but it is dedicated to so holy a use, as he may not have it to prophane upon so bad an idol, as he doth now vow all his offerings to.

Aug. 12. Grant of presentation to Francis Alford of the dignity of Preceptor with the prebend of Empringham in Lincoln Cathedral. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 14. 43. Sir Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Desires that Patrick Dowdall of Dundalk, Edmund Burriat and Richard Burriat, may be examined. Wishes to be confronted with Eliz. Knee of Chester. He asked forgiveness of Henry Birde for the accusation of counterfeiting the hand of Sir John Perrot.

Aug. 17. 44. Statement of the principal matters wherewith Dennis Rowghane chargeth Sir John Perrot. Favor shown by Perrot to the priest who brought letters out of Spain. Hearing mass and receiving absolution at his hands. Design of sending the priest back again to Spain with a letter to the King for the conquest of England. Murder of Mich. Wheeler, supposed to have that letter.

Aug. 17. 45. Notes for examination of the priest, Sir John Perrot, and others; in Burghley's hand. Particulars of the charges against Perrot.

Aug. 17. Purchase by Richard Yonge and Tho. Lake of lands of the yearly value of 36*l.* 14*s.* 11¾*d.*, paying for the same 1,246*l.* 19*s.* to Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

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Aug. 19. 46. Dennis Rowghane to Burghley. Urges him to send for Elizabeth Knee, the woman of Chester who declared that he was a black brownish man, whereas his beard was as red as blood; ergo she had taken him for some other Dennis.

Aug. 22. 47. Estimate of the charge for Her Majesty's new ships the Answer and the pinnace Marlion to serve in the Narrow Seas for six weeks.

Aug. 22. 48. Mr. John Stanhope to Mr. Secretary Davison. Regrets he cannot comply with his request. On the death of old Bruster, one Samuel Bevercotes had written to him for the place of postmaster at Scroby, with which he had complied. States his reasons for not conferring the place on young Bruster, who had served in that place for his father, old Bruster. On the back of this letter are notes in Davison's hand, showing why young Bruster ought to have been appointed on his father's death.

Aug. 25. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir John Hawkyns 194*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to James Quarles 152*l.*, for the charges of the Answer and the pinnace called the Marlion for six weeks' service in the Narrow Seas. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 27. 49. Rowghane to Burghley. Claims to have the benefit of Elizabeth Knee's declaration that he was a black brownish man, whereas he was a red man, with a beard as red as blood. Desires to be conconfronted with her. Henry Bird wishes to have from him another testimonial as to counterfeiting Perrot's hand.

Aug. 27. 50. Same to same. Desires licence to talk with the Bishop Malachias. Is intimidated by the Lord Chamberlain, who accounts him no better than a madman for calling Sir John Perrot a traitor.

Aug. 28. Gatehouse. 51. Same to same. Complains of being mocked by the Lords of the Council for revealing the truth against Sir John Perrot. Complains that Henry Bird had opened this letter, and taken out a testimonial that Rowghane had enclosed.

Aug. 29. Godolphin. 52. Sir Francis Godolphin to the Council. Particulars of the staying of Patrick Dowdall about three years back, whom he returned into Ireland to Sir John Perrot; in company with Patrick Fitzwilliams and one Moore of Kent.

Aug. 30. 53. Rowghane to Burghley. Thade Nolan, the pursuivant, is desirous to speak with Burghley to discover the secrets of Sir J. Perrot; transactions between Nolan and Perrot. Confessions of Malachias O'Mollane. Desires the examinations of many witnesses may be sent to him, and that he may have conference with lawyers to draw up articles of treason against Perrot.

Aug. 30. Oking. 54. Sir Tho. Heneage to same. Understands that he disapproves of Mr. Young having sealed up the cabinet and writing

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of Andreas de Loo: which was done by Her Majesty's express commandment on the death of A. de Loo, and she desired that they should be taken to Windsor for her own perusal.

Aug. 31. Rochester. 55. Dr. John Coldwell, Dean of Rochester, to Lord Burghley. Thanks for speaking so favourably of him to Her Majesty, which had moved her to propose his advancement to the see of Sarum. Solicits him to forward this proposal.

Aug. 56. Comparative account of the expense of Her Majesty's household for one week in August 1589, when residing at Oatlands, and for the same time in 1590, when Her Majesty was lying at Oatlands and the household at Greenwich; and estimate of expenses during the time of Her Majesty's Progress.

Aug. 57. Note of Stephen Segar, Thady Nolan, and Malachias O'Molony, brought out of Ireland by William Fitzwilliams.

Sept. 1. 58. Account (by whom does not appear) of certain goods bought from the 15th of July to the 1st of September 1590.

Sept. 2. 59. Earl of Essex to Lord Burghley. Understands that by the death of Capt. Smith there is a company in the Low Countries void. Recommends the bearer, Capt. Goring, to be appointed to it, whose valour, honesty, judgment, and experience are strong arguments to plead for him.

Sept. 3. 60. Rowghane to same. Wishes to see divers examinations. To command Sir Geff. Fenton and the two lawyers to let him know the certainty by law whether the accusations he has made against Sir John Perrot be treason or not; for he will hang for this matter, if it cannot be made treason.

Sept. 5. 61. Book of the wages of the soldiers at Portsmouth under the Earl of Sussex, from the 9th of August to the 5th of September 1590.

Sept. 8 Windsor. 62. Sir Fr. Knollys to Lord Burghley. His dull wit is able to abide more study than some other quicker wits. His chief study lately has been the preservation of Her Majesty against the tyranny of the Pope and his Church of Rome. Is of opinion that the superiority and authority of bishops is derived immediately and independently from Her Majesty. Mr. Martyn, the sewer, and Dr. Whytegyft, had incurred the penalty of præmunire by claiming a divine right for bishops. Thinks it now fit that his said opinion should forthwith come to trial, whether it be true or false.

Sept. 9. 63, 64. Memoranda, in Burghley's hand, of letters to be sent to the States, and of lieutenants of the English shires, for raising soldiers to serve in France. [*Two papers.*]

Sept. 9. Westminster. 65. Sir Geoffrey Fenton, William Danyell, and James Dalton to the Lord Chancellor Hatton and Lord Burghley. Have examined

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the Bishop of Leighlin and Malachias O'Mollone. Examined the latter in Latin, and his English was not good, and they dare not use the service of an Irish interpreter.

Sept. 9. Westminster. 66. Fenton to Burghley. Thadie Nolan has been again questioned. A special interrogatory to the Bishop of Leighlin touching the manacling of the priest. Advises a re-examination of both relative to Meagher and Lovenes. Malachias O'Mallone is very importunate to have pen, ink, and paper.

Sept. 10. Gatehouse. 67. Rowghane to same. Requests him to write to the Lord Deputy to send over his wife and boy to comfort him. Is assured Perrot will be condemned if he is tried. Sends a book of the charges against Perrot, to be perused before Her Majesty.

Sept. 10. London. 68. Sir Tho. Shirley to same. He has heard that Mr. Comptroller, Sir Jas. Crofts, is dead. Solicits his influence to obtain that office for him, and his thankfulness shall be 500*l.* to Burghley. Hopes no evil opinion of ambition will be cast upon him, as those who do not offer themselves in this world are seldom advanced. Only Sir Tho. Cecill knows of this application. Thanks Burghley for a fat red deer.

Sept. 10. 69. Account of the charges of Her Majesty's stable. Numbers of the horses. Names of officers, and amount of wages due to them.

Sept. 11. Purchase by Robt. Wrothe and Wm. Wiseman of lands of the clear yearly value of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the sum of 470*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 11. Grant to George Martin, late Provost Marshal in the Low Countries, of a poor knight's room in Windsor. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 11. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Katherine Wrotte, widow, and Samuel and Francis Wrotte, her sons, of the site of the manor of Bungay for their three lives. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 11. Grant of incorporation for the Weavers, Fullers, Tuckers, and Clothiers of the city of Worcester. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 16. 70. Note of the payments made out of the 100*l.* received of Mr. Skinner, and what further is necessary to be paid.

Sept. 19. Horsley. 71. Anthony Viscount Mountague to Lord Burghley. Has had a conversation with the Earl of Southampton as to his engagement of marriage with Burghley's granddaughter. His answers. The Countess, his mother (Mountague's daughter), is not aware of any alteration in her son's mind.

Sept. 19. Grant of lease in reversion to Francis Aunger and Tho. Doggett of the parsonage of Woking, with the chapel annexed, in co. Surrey, and a moiety of Castlefeild in Hertford, in consideration of the services of William Duck. [*Docquet.*]

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Sept. 19. Grant to Wm. Southiack of a gunner's room at Carlisle. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Grant of lease in reversion to Tho. Lake of the parsonage of Marsfow, with the chapel of Thurstleton, co. Devon, in consideration of the service of John Walter. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Grant to Andrew Thistlethwait of a poor knight's room in Windsor for life. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. The like grant to Stephen Metcalf, serjeant-trumpeter. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Grant of pardon to John Jeffor [or Griffor] of Winchester, for burglary. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay 10,000*l.* for secret service to such persons and for such causes as the Lord Treasurer is directed by Her Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Grant to Richard Lovelace, and to Richard his son, for their lives, of the keeping of two walks in Cranborn chace, with the stewardship of certain manors late belonging to Lord Sands, in the county of Berks; in reversion after the decease of Richard Ward. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Grant of lease in reversion to Christopher Chute of the parsonage of Hillmorton, co. Warwick, for 31 years. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Safe conduct for William Poole to pass into Poland. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 20. 72. Information touching certain men taken up in the parish of Edmonton for practising the art of witchcraft and conjuring; Mystic articles found in their possession, with powders and ratsbane, which the parties that fled, strewed in the way, disappointing the bloodhound thereby.

Sept. 24. 73. Information of certain speeches uttered by the Earl. of Shrewsbury before his death; wherein he feared that the Lady Arrabell would bring much trouble to his house, by his wife and her daughters devices. They think he is a great block in their way. Dr. Browne is a worker in their causes. Gilbert Talbot will be much ruled by them.

Sept. 25. Gatehouse. 74. Rowghane to the Council [addressed to Burghley]. That the Queen's Attorney and Solicitor may be examined as to the taking of bonds for the liberty of the said Dennis. Alteration of date of copy of the letter to the King of Spain. Differences of dates of the warrants.

Sept. 25. Westminster. 74A. Grant by the Queen to Thomas West of the office of Chamberlain of the Exchequer, in the same manner and form as Henry Lord Stafford, Sir Nicholas Throckmerton, and Thomas Randolph, all lately defunct, held the same. Latin.

Sept. 26. Spalding. 75. Inquisition taken after the death of Anthony Shallocke. Extract from his will, leaving certain lands in Fishtoft, co. Lincoln, to his wife, till his son Thomas Shallocke shall attain the age of twenty-one years. Disposal of other lands and property.

Sept. 28. Gatehouse. 76. Rowghane to Hatton and Burghley. Denies the assertions of the Archbishop of Cashel. Certain points to be examined as to the counterfeited warrants. There is no truth in any thing that

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Sir John Perrot alleges by writing, in clearing of himself. Suggests that the Council books, in any entries relating to Perrot, may have been altered and tampered with. Thady Nolan, the pursuivant, has some secrets to discover.

Sept. 28. Foundation of a Free Grammar School in Kirkby Lonsdale, co. Westmoreland, with an incorporation of the same, and licence to purchase lands in mortmain. [*Docquet. - And see docquet, 30 Sept.*]

Sept. 28. Grant of lease to William Dixe of a capital messuage called Boylandhall, and other lands, co. Norfolk, for the term of 21 years. [*Docquet, and duplicate, 30 Sept.*]

Sept. 30. Chester. 77. William Cotgreve, mayor of Chester, to Burghley. Sends up Elizabeth Knee, the pretended wife of Rowghane, in charge of William Moneley. Notes by Burghley as to her marriage with Rowghane.

Sept. 30. Grant of lease in reversion to Wm. Payne of the village of Penlassock, the manor of Peckham, and certain woods in the parish of Blakesley, in the counties of Carnarvon, Kent, and Northampton, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Grant of presentation for James Cocke to the parsonage of Brandesburton in the diocese of York. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 78. Sir William Detheck, Garter, to Lord Burghley (?) Observations upon the contentions now existing in the Heralds Office. His title to the office of Garter questioned. Precedents in support of his appointment.

Sept. 79. ——— to the Provost of Eton [Wm. Day]. Solicits a fellowship in Eton College for Mr. Richard Langley, now a fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and tutor to the writer's son.

[Sept ?] 80. Information against the Mayor of Tenby, John Kyfte and John Vaughan, searcher and customer of Milford, for the seizure and detention of a Flemish ship driven into Tenby by stress of weather.

Oct. 1. 81. Note of Norway masts shipped by Ralph Querneby and Robert Savedge, appointed to be delivered at Chatham for Her Majesty's ships.

Oct. 1. 82. Charles Paget to Monsr. Charmont, in London. His letter has been sent by mistake to Brussels, but he hopes to have it in a day or two. The affairs in France are favourable to the Duke of Parma. Cardinal St. Marcelli has been elected Pope, and has taken the name of Urbanus Septimus. Safe arrival of the King of Spain's fleet, and also the East India fleet, at Lisbon. Spanish forces landed in Brittany.

Oct. 3. 83. Books of the soldiers and of the wages owing to them at Portsmouth, under the command of the Earl of Sussex, for the month ending the 3d of October 1590.

Oct. 3. Woodstock. 84. Sir Henry Lee to Lord Burghley. Desires a licence for his brother-in-law, Mr. Symonce, of Clay, in Norfolk, to transport 300 quarters of wheat to France, corn being in that shire in great plenty and good cheap. Expresses his great respect for Burghley.

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Oct. 3. Strand. 85. Sir John Perrot to the Council. Requests to have one day's thorough hearing before them, and he doubts not to clear himself from the vile priest's most wicked forgeries. Proves the falsity of letters forged in his name, particularly the supposed correspondence with Spain and Sir William Stanley. Improbability of his using a man of such base and villainous qualities as this Denis Rowghane. Desires certain letters, warrants, and other evidences to be returned. The Marquis of Sainte Cruse racked three of his chief spies to death. Course of his policy with Feagh Mc Hugh. Proves the spirit of his government by reference to the whole his correspondence while in authority in Ireland. *Incloses,*

85. I. *Reasons that moved Sir John Perrot to purpose a course against Feagh Mc Hugh. Ill course of living of Feagh Mc Hugh and his followers. His people live like wolves, foxes, and bears, that prey upon all things. He has cost Her Majesty* 100,000*l.* *at the least, besides the great loss of her subjects. Mc Hugh's dealings with the Spaniards. Device of Thady Nolan to poison Feagh Mc Hugh, and to kill Sir Wm. Stanley. Perrot extenuates such a course, and justifies it by an attempt of the Earl of Sussex to poison Shane O'Neile.*

Oct. 5. Boston. 86. Richard Stevenson to Burghley. He had submitted the articles to Mr. Irbie, who had proposed certain articles of agreement by which all parties might be friends. But he had inserted a condition that no information should be given to Burghley of any abuses or waste af the common store of their town.

Oct. 6. 87, 88. The Queen to the Lord Mayor of London. Directions to levy a certain number of soldiers in London to serve in some parts beyond the seas. [*Two copies. The same was sent, mutatis mutandis, to the Lords Lieutenants of Essex, Kent, and Suffolk.*]

Oct. 8. 89. Estimate for the victualling of 2,484 men for 28 days at 14*s* per man, and for 2,000 soldiers for ten days at 5*s.* per man.

Oct. 8. 90. Memorial, in Lord Burghley's hand, for the equipping of the fleet. The numbers to be shipped from various ports for the Downs or Dover.

Oct. 9. 91. Memorandum of Elizabeth Knee's being taken to the Gatehouse to see Dennis Rowghane. Her denial that she had ever before seen him, or that he was her husband; and in like sort the said priest disavowed her.

Oct. 10. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay 500*l.* by way of exchange to Edward Barton, agent for Her Majesty, with the Grand Seignior, and to pay to Tho. Wilcoks 200*l.* for bringing letters from Turkey, Poland, and other places. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Warrant to same to pay to Michael Blount, Lieutenant of the Tower, 278*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* for wages and diet of prisoners. [*Docquet.*]

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Oct. 10. Purchase by Richard Sawyer of one wichehouse in Namptwich, co. Cheshire, of the yearly value of 33*s.* 4*d.*, for which he payeth 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Purchase by Richd. Sutton and Matthew Kingston of lands of the yearly value of 83*l.* 14*s.* 4¾*d.*, paying 2,726*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for the same. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant to Alexander Horden and Edmund Beck of the office of Keeper of the castle and gaol of Canterbury. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant to John Thornbrough, Dean of York, for seven years, of a privilege for refining seacoals. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant of pension of 40*l.* per annum to John Vacham out of the lands of Sir Tho. Tressam, so long as Sir Tho. shall continue a recusant. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant of pardon to Tho. Beste and Wm. Browne, for robbing John Hobbes, servant to John Dormer, on the highway. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant of lease to John Thorneborough, in consideration of the service of Wm. Thorneborough, of the East and West walks of the Forest of Chute and Wakeswood, co. Wilts and Hampshire. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant to John Hamerton of a gunner's room in Weymer Castle, co. Kent, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 12. 92. Sir Henry Lee to Lord Burghley. The late Sec. Walsyngham was very desirous of trying certain iron found in Shropshire. Upon an impartial trial on a manufactured piece of armour it was found greatly inferior to Hungarian iron. Evil of having the manufacture of armour confined to a few individuals. Better to have an armour of evil shape and good metal than of good shape and evil metal; but thinks it possible to be made within the realm, both of good shape and good stuff.

Oct. 12. Warrant to the Exchequer to deliver 3,000*l.* to the Earl of Essex, upon assurance for repayment of the same. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 12. Warrant to allow William Bevell, late Sheriff of Cornwall, to pass his account by his attorney or deputy. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 13. 93. Deposition of William Lucas, servant to Sir John Perrot, and John Longman, that a letter from Dennis O'Rowghane, prisoner in Dublin Castle, was delivered by the said Lucas to one Knee at Chester, which she received thankfully.

Oct. 14. 94. Orders and ordinances declared at the Queen's Court of Admiralty, holden in the borough of Southwark on the 14th of October, for regulating the fishings in the River Thames:—Sundays and holidays to be observed. Regulations for hooks, lamperne rods, and hebbing nets, and whitebait, shrimp leaps and trim trams; laws of the Trinckermen and stations of the trincks in the Thames, smelt

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leaps, land kiddells, and eel leaps, salmon fishing, &c. Objections to the commission of Henry VIII. for regulating fishing in the Thames; with subsequent directions by the Privy Council in the time of James I.

Oct. 14. 95. Geo. Leicester to Lord Burghley (?) Note of the quantities of beer ready to be shipped for Ostend, Flushing, and Embden. Desires order may be given for their passing.

Oct. 14. Horsley. 96. Mary Countess of Southampton to same. Thanks for the long time he had intrusted her son with her. She now returns him, and hopes Burghley will so dispose of him, as his exercises be such as may and must grace persons of his quality. He only is able to work her son's future happiness.

Oct. 15. London. 97. A letter in Spanish to Don Soliman, a Jew at Constantinople, in favor of the King Antonio; with a curiously erroneous indorsement as to language by Lord Burghley.

Oct. 15. Gatehouse. 98. Rowghane to Burghley. Denies that Lucas ever took a letter from him to Elizabeth Knee of Chester. Thady Nollan will testify there was of long time a prisoner called Sir Dennis in Dublin Castle; it may have been him that sent such a letter to her. Desires Nolan and others to be examined.

Oct. 16. Gatehouse. 99. Same to the Council. Assails them with abusive language. Denies all knowledge of William Lucas and John Longman.

Oct. 16. Gatehouse. 100. Same to Burghley. He, the priest Dennis, will give no credit to the best councillor in Ireland. Desires that Thady Nolan and others may be examined whether there was not another priest of his name in Dublin Castle. Abuses the Attorney and Solicitor-General of Ireland, as favorers of Perrot.

Oct. 16. Gatehouse. 101. Same to same. Bird's demand of a note of the best gentlemen that did hear Rowghane say mass. Application to Henry Bird to write out a passport for Rowghane. Proceedings thereon. Parties to be examined.

Oct. 17. Gatehouse. 102. Same to same. Was at Ross when young Mr. Cockley came to examine him whether he gave H. Bird a list of the names of those who attended his mass. Certain witnesses can testify as to the writing of the warrants and passports. Other witnessess will prove that he was not under restraint when it is asserted the Attorney-General took bonds of him.

Oct. 17. Westminster. 103. Burghley to Sir Nicholas White [Master of the Rolls in Ireland]. Her Majesty has ordered him to be further restrained of his liberty in the house of the Dean of St. Paul's, and no one to have access to him. He is desired to answer, directly and plainly, such articles as shall be propounded to him.

Oct. 19. 104. Note of the spices and sugar delivered weekly out of the spicery for the use of Her Majesty's household.

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Oct. 19. Restitution of the temporalties for the bishopric of Oxford, to begin from Michaelmas in the year 1588. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. Warrant for allowance of fees and charges for the forest and park of Claringdon, Buckholt, Melchet and Groveleigh, from Michaelmas 1589 to Michaelmas 1590. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. Grant of advowson to Edward Franklin and Tho. Goad, to present to the parsonage of Barley in Hertfordshire. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. Grant of pardon to Anthony Potter, of Worsop, for stealing two nags and one mare. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 20. Gatehouse. 105. Rowghane to Burghley. Requires that Richard Langforde, overseer of the works at Dublin Castle, may be examined about filling up the way that Sir Dennis went through to Sir John Perrot's secret chamber after the said Dennis had made his escape. Also the keeper of the council chamber to be examined, if he observed Rowghane had shackles on one of his legs.

[Oct. 20.] 106. Articles which Dennis Rowghane requires to be ministered to Richard Langford, John Vaughan and others, relative to his escape from Dublin Castle.

Oct. 20. 107. Memorial of public business, in Lord Burghley's hands:—Dover haven; union of the companies for Turkey and Venice; survey of the house of Grafton; value of goods brought home by Sir Martin Frobisher, &c.

Oct. 21. 108. Notarial instrument, declaring the Honourable Thomas Seymour to be the natural and legitimate son of Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, and Lady Catherine Graye his lawful wife, deceased.

Oct. 22. 109. Tho. Windebank to Lord Burghley. Her Majesty does not think it needful to send yet for Mr. Killegrew and Mr. Wotton. Has spoken to Her Majesty for the appointment of a Secretary in the place of Walsyngham, and to so ease Burghley of the great burthen laid upon him. Read to Her the letters from Sir Edward Stafford and others. Exportation of sea coals to be prohibited.

Oct. 24. Gatehouse. 110. Rowghane to same. Thinks it strange he should keep such a traitor as Sir John Perrot in his house. Accuses him of injustice. Has written to Lord Chancellor Hatton, for that he is jealous of Burghley, and perceives he is very cold in Her Majesty's cause.

Oct. 24. Gatehouse. 111. Same to Lord Chancellor Hatton. Complains that he cannot have justice against Sir John Perrot, after he has proved him a traitor by witness and with his own handwriting. If Perrot is tried and not found guilty, he, the priest, will say that it is Sir John's treasure saves him, and not justice. Is jealous of Burghley for his coldness in the Queen's cause. If Perrot is not tried this term, he, the priest, will cease, and answer no more, for he will not be mocked by any councillor in England.

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Oct. 25. Windsor. 112. Memorial of public business :—Measures to be taken for the defence of the realm. Sir Fr. Drake to see to the defence of Plymouth. Beacons to be put up again. Sir John Hawkins to stay all the shipping at Plymouth.

Oct. 26. The Arches. 113. Dr. Jul. Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty, to Lord Burghley. Sees no reason that the ship called the Yongfroe of Pomeran, sent into Plymouth by Sir M. Frobisher, should not be liberated upon bond. Peter Peterson, the master of the hulk, was accused of having used hard speeches against Her Majesty, but he denies it.

Oct. 27. Gatehouse. 114. Rowghane to same. Claims his promise to have the benefit of the law against Perrot. Will not give credit to any one who confesses to have counterfeited Perrot's hand, unless he can prove he did it before the time that Margaret Leonard was apprehended. Craves justice that Sir John Perrot shall be tried by law.

Oct. 27. Windsor. Grant to Ferdinando Richardson of the bailiwick of the manor and lordship of Barking, co. Essex. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27, 28. 115, 116. Note of estimates for the navy, for the victualling of four ships with 800 men for eight months. [*Two papers.*]

Oct. 28. 117. Petition of Hendrick Voets, of London, merchant, to Lord Burghley. For restitution of money taken at the sea by Sir Martin Frobisher, belonging to Hendrick de Haese, merchant of Amsterdam.

Oct. 31. Plymouth. 118. Sir John Hawkyns to same. Had been in hopes that some notable thing would have come into their hands, but they have met nothing. His resignation. Has written to the Lord Admiral for the ordering of Her Majesty's ships. Desires permission to bring the cochineal and hangings of leather to London. His charges have been very great.

Oct. 31. The Arches. 119. Dr. Jul. Cæsar to same. Claims made by Francis de Fort, a French merchant, to the ten bags of money taken in the "Maiden [Yougfrau] of Pomeran," by Sir Martin Frobisher.

Oct. 31. 120. Book of the soldiers at Portsmouth, under the command of the Earl of Sussex, with amount of wages due to them, from the 4th to the 31st of October.

Oct. 31. 121. Rowghane to Hatton and Burghley. Requests leave to write to the Queen to desire justice against Perrot. Affirms that the letter of Perrot's which he produced was genuine, or counterfeited before Margaret Leonard received it. Is most desirous to see the Queen personally, that he may confess all his wicked pretences against her. The Deputy to send a protection to Charles Trevor that he may declare whether he counterfeited Sir John Perrot's hand to any of the letters.

Oct. 31. Presentation to Edward Wickham of the parsonage of Horton, co. Buckingham, void by lapse. [*Docquet.*]

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Oct. 31. Grant of lease upon surrender to Edward Wingate and Hugh Lloid of the parsonage or ferryage of the water of Porthaithwie and other places in Anglesey and Carnarvon for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Like grant to William Thornehill of certain pasture and meadow, called Barton Coppice, in Belgrave Park, co. Lincoln, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Like grant to Hugh Cooke of a capital messuage called Radbrook, co. Gloucester, and of certain lands at Mickelton, co. Worcester; for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Like grant to William Beacher of a tenement and lands at Halcroft in Kent, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 122. Wm. Asheby to Lord Burghley. Prays him to continue his friend in the present matter. Has been most unjustly dealt with.

Oct. ? 123. Report by William Beversam of the dealings of M. Luzon at Blois concerning the landing of ordnance, and detention of English shipping there.

Oct. Grant to Tho. Bartram of a gunner's room in the city of Carlisle, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. Grant to Tho. Childe of the office of Bailiff of the Hundreds of Bosmere and Claydon, co. Suffolk, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. Grant to Tho. Crompton, Robert Wright, and Gelley Meyrick, on behalf of the Earl of Essex, of lands of the value of 28*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, with confirmation of former grants. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. Grant to Tho. Knyvet of a discharge of a recognizance of 621*l.*, acknowledged by his grandfather Sir Edmond Knyvet to King Henry VIII. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. Grant of protection to Tho. Fitzherbert, of Hampstall Ridmore, co. Stafford, for one whole year. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. A French warrant for the office of the Harthounds. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. Similar warrant for the office of the Buckhounds. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 2. Arches Court. 1. Dr. Jul. Cæsar to Lord Burghley. Had examined the claim of Henry Voutes, of London, to a bag of 200 ducats laden at St. Lucar's on board the Jongfrau, and brought into Plymouth by young Martin Frobisher.

Nov. 2? 2. Report by one Atkinson of his proceedings at Plymouth for recovery of goods left there by Sir John Hawkyns and Sir Martin Frobisher, and discovery in warehouses of 40 bags of cochineal which had been adulterated. Refusal by Ric. Hawkyns to restore some goods. Forcible rescue of the goods by Sir John Hawkyns and his men.

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Nov. 3. 3. Tho. Windebank to Burghley. Her Majesty's observations on Mr. Bowes's letters. She approved of the King of Scots lending his assistance against the leaguers and the French rebels. Her disapproval of a certain declaration appearing in Hollinshed's Chronicle, and command to have the Chronicle called in. She vehemently inveighed against the Chronicle to be fondly set out. She marvelleth greatly the King of Scots will show such favor to the Earl of Bothwell, and mislikes the manner of his government, imputing the defects therein to his simplicity and want of courage.

Nov. 5. 4. Address of a letter from Sir John Hawkyns to Lord Burghley.

Nov. 6. Plymouth. 5. William Blande to Lord Burghley. He met by chance at Foye with Captain Middleton, returning with a prize of pepper. Send letters from Lisbon, which may contain some things worthy of discovery. The Dainty, belonging to Sir John Hawkyns, had brought into Dartmouth an East Indiaman very richly laden with silks.

Nov. 6. Edinburgh. 6. Henry Lok to same. Recapitulates all his services with the Earl of Oxford, from whom he never received any remuneration. Was no way implicated in the loss of the 2,000*l.* the Earl sustained from Michael Lok, his uncle.

Nov. 7. Valadolid. 7. Tho. Still to Dr. Webb. Has only received one letter from him since April, and that had been opened. Is glad to hear of his intention to remain where he was. Is much engaged with Father Parsons. Among those going to England Mr. Cecil will be one.

Nov. 7. Valadolid. 8. Same to James Vavasour, a priest at Rheims. Thanks him for his letters sent by John Bennett. All are in good health, except Matthew Bennifeild, who hath ended his life most devoutly and sweetly, with a most vehement flux. Course of the schools. Father Parsons is going on his journey towards Seville. Mr. Fryer, Blunt, Yonger, and Dudley will go with him, and so into England. Sends commendations to Dr. Worthington, and others.

Nov. 7. 9. Estimate of the charge of two months' provisions for 1,340 men, under Sir John Hawkyns, on the coasts of Spain and Portugal.

Nov. 7. 10. Estimate of the wages due to the soldiers and sailors, to be discharged from four of Her Majesty's ships lately arrived at Plymouth, under the charge of Sir John Hawkyns.

Nov. 9. Grant of pardon to Edward Seaborne of Felton, co. Hereford, for killing Hoell Reignolds by chance with an arrow, shooting at twelve score pricks. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant of pardon to Gilbert Bennett, for stealing of cattle from Wm. Dobson, John Atkinson, and Tho. Savile, in the county of York. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant of pardon to Tho. Bell, of Cambridge, for stealing a mare from Tho. Gleston. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 9 Grant of pardon to Henry Robinson and 16 others, mariners, for piracy. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant of lease in reversion to Ralph Baldwyn of lands in Leicestershire, Carnarvon, and Essex. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant to John Davys of a gunner's room in Sandown Castle, co. Kent, with the fee of 12*d.* by the day. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant to Richard Pack of a gunner's room in the Tower of London. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant to Jasper Dringe of a pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* by the day. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant of pardon to Robert Thackerowe of Birlington, blacksmith, for stealing a grey mare from John Waslinge. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 9. Grant of pardon to Simon Wolnowe of Yoxford, co. Suffolk, for robbing Simon Barrison on the highway. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 12. 11. Memorial of public business, in Lord Burghley's hand:—The position of affairs of France, Spain, and Germany. Earl of Essex impost on wines.

Nov. 13. Westminster. 12. Commission by the Queen to Henry Earl of Pembroke, appointing him Lord Lieutenant of the counties of Somerset and Wilts, and the city of Bristol.

Nov. 14. 13. Brief note of such sums of money as have been taken from the merchants of Flanders and Holland, by Sir M. Frobisher and those under him, in the last voyage he made to the Southward with Her Majesty's ships.

Nov. 14. 14. Inquisition post mortem of Thomas Randolph, Esq., who by his will desired that the wardship of his son might be granted to Ursula his mother.

Nov. 15. 15. Memorial of public business, in Chancellor Hatton's hand, to be considered in Council:—Employment of the forces in the Low Countries; Spanish wars in France, &c.

Nov. 17. 16. Memorial, in Lord Burghley's hand, for the affairs of Germany and the Viscount Turenne.

Nov. 17. 17. Another paper of public business by Burghley:—Extent for the Earl of Leicester's debts; charges of Sir John Hawkyns and Sir M. Frobisher, &c.

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant to William Bayneham, of the office of surveyor of Her Majesty's lands in Kent and Sussex, for life, upon surrender of the same by Thomas Fludd and Humfrey Fitzwilliams. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant to William Awbrey of the bailiwick of Swansey, in co. Glamorgan, for life. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant to Wm. Prikel, of the bailiwick of Ortill, in co. York, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant of lease upon surrender to Thomas Hampden of the site of the manor of Snave, in co. Kent, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant of lease to John Chapman, of a capital messuage called Radbrooke, and other lands in the counties of Gloucester and Worcester, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Purchase by Francis Metham, Edw. Barton, and Roger Gowre, of lands and tenements in Moulton, co. York, of the yearly value of 20*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, for the sum of 418*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* [*Docquet*]

Nov. 19. Somerset House. Grant of lease in reversion to Tho. Norton and others, of the rectory of the parish church of St. Saviour, Southwark, for the term of 50 years; they having erected a grammar school in the said parish, at their own charges. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 21. 18. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of public business.

Nov. 21. 19. Note of cloths and other merchandise passed by land from London to other ports, from Michaelmas 1589 to Michaelmas 1590.

Nov. 21. Somerset House. 20. The Queen to Lord Treasurer Burghley. Informs him that for the necessary defence of the realm by sea and land, and for the better withstanding of the attempts of the King of Spain, she had appointed to take some good portion of treasure by way of loan from divers of her subjects in several counties, and directing him to issue letters of privy seal to such persons as shall be from time to time nominated to him by six of the Privy Council. [*See Vol.* ccxxxvi., *p.* 1.]

Nov. 21. 21. Sir Dennis Rowghane to the Privy Council. Complains of the ill usage of Pickering, the keeper of the Gatehouse, and great charges for diet. Still asserts that Perrot's letters are not counterfeit.

Nov. 22. 22. Sir Geff. Fenton to Burghley. Substance of what Malachias O'Malone has told him this afternoon of Dennis Rowghane. Rhowghane is vehemently troubled in mind and impatient, and said that when he was beyond seas he would do penance for his offences.

Nov. 22. 23. Advertisement addressed to Her Majesty, setting forth the dangers to which England would be exposed by the King of Spain having possession of the river of Nantz. Proposes an expedition to be fitted out, by which Her Majesty would be greatly enriched, and the peace of the country secured.

Nov. 23. 24. Note by Lord Burghley of the names of persons in connection with the charges against Sir John Perrot.

Nov. 23. Gatehouse. 25. Rowghane to Burghley. Acknowledges that he told Malachias he would make an escape to Rome or to Spain, and that he

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was sorry for accusing Sir John Perrot and others wrongfully. If Burghley will have him make a lie at Malachias's request, he is this day ready to sign a paper which Malachias will draw.

Nov. 25. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay certain allowances to Sir Horatio Palavicino during his employment on a special mission into Germany. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Grant to Henry Grey of the office of under steward of the possessions of the late Earl of Suffolk, in the county of Suffolk, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 28. Cheswick. 26. Anne Countess of Warwick to Lord Burghley. Thanks him for his assistance to her, who is more overburthened with troubles and business than well she can undergo. Desires him to stay the suit of the Countess of Leicester and her husband for the lease of certain lands in Gloucestershire, which have been extended for the late Earl of Leicester's debts.

Nov. 28. 27. Monthly account of wages due to the soldiers at Portsmouth, under the command of the Earl of Sussex, to the 28th of November 1590.

Nov. 28. 28. Attorney General Popham to Daniel Rogers. In behalf of Mr. Robert Blake, who is prosecuted by his own brother Thomas Blake; Robert Blake is willing to perform all he promised, but his brother Thomas still seeks infinitely to vex him at law.

Nov. 29. Wm. Asheby to Lord Burghley. Prays him to take order with Sir James Harington, that he may be permitted to enjoy his lease of a manor called the Bishop's fee.

Nov.? 30. Calculations for the victualling of soldiers for two or more months.

Nov.? 31. Estimate of the charge for 150 soldiers by the week and by the month.

Nov.? 32. Rate of allowance for officers and soldiers per diem.

Nov.? 33. List of the names of Military Captains, with personal remarks on several, by Lord Burghley.

Nov.? 34. Particulars of the lands granted in reversion by the Queen to Robert Symons, and of lands granted by Henry VIII. to Richard Johnson, and by Philip and Mary to Roger Askam.

Nov.? 35. Considerations in favor of erecting a college at Ripon, in Yorkshire. The people in a manner are all ignorant in religion, having been for above 30 years untaught.

Nov. 36. The Queen to the Master and Fellows of Magdalen College, Cambridge. Commands them to admit Mr. Henry Thrushcross to a fellowship in that house, vacant by the resignation of Robert Bawtrey.

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Nov. 37. Petition of Michael Leman and other Factors of the Merchants of Holland and Zealand to Lord Burghley. Praying for a warrant to Sir Martin Frobisher to restore the ship the Yonge Froe, brought into Plymouth by young Martin Frobisher.

Nov.? 38. Petition of Michael Leman to the Council. Solicits restitution of two ships of Flushing, the Searider and the Dolphin, taken at Lisbon by six English ships of war, and carried to Barbary for sale.

Dec. 1. Cornhill. 39. Thomas Allen to Lord Burghley. Is in want of money, having advanced above 3,000*l.* of his own for Her Majesty's service, for masts delivered six months ago. Complains of the dealing of Mr. Borrough and the officers of the Admiralty towards him. The "Lettowes" masts are superior to those of Norway.

Dec. 1. 40. The inventory of all such goods as were discharged out of the prize (the Holy Ghost) brought into Dartmouth by the Dainty and the Swallow, and afterwards laden aboard Her Majesty's good ship the Mary Rose.

Dec. 2. Gatehouse. 41. Rowghane to the Council. Thinks it strange he cannot have justice against Perrot, after he has proved him a traitor by lawful witnesses, and by sound circumstances. Has done as much as any man in England could do in such a matter. Prays that the enclosed petition may be delivered to the Queen. *Incloses,*

41. I. *Sir Dennis Rowghane to the Queen. Has been in divers and sundry ways in most highest causes of treason, and been made by Sir John Perrot a special instrument, and carrier of letters to the King of Spain. Particulars of other treasonable letters. Prays for pardon of his life and goods, and for his poor wife Margaret Leonard. Gatehouse, Dec.* 2, 1590.

Dec. 4. 42. Brief estimate of the charge of a voyage lately made by Sir Martin Frobisher, with six of Her Majesty's ships and two pinnaces, southwards.

Dec. 4. 43. Report by Tho. Davies to Mr. Ralph Lane of sundry abuses committed in Her Majesty's fleet and navy in the expedition under Sir Martin Frobisher.

Dec. 4. Presentation for William Ashbold to the vicarage of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in London, void by law. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 4. Grant of pardon to William Sheffeld, of Bristol, for robbing William Brooke on the highway. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 4. Grant of lease, upon surrender, to Peter Corryton; and William and John Corryton, his sons, of the parsonage of St. Clare, *alias* Clere, Madron, and Penzance, in co. Cornwall, for their lives. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 5. The Strand. 44. Sir John Perrot to the Council. Has no wish to be favored in any matter, but only desires his case may be heard by impartial judges. Complains that his papers were taken from him, so that he

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is not able to show the warrants and reasons for many of his actions. Knows he shall have but few of his writings if Sir Jeffrey Fenton came to the fingering of them. Prays that matters may be brought to a speedy end, as he is prevented from taking the air, and attending public worship.

Dec. 5. 45. Memoranda, by Lord Burghley, of public business to be considered in Council:—Orders for the Low Countries; instructions for Wales. Controversy between Sir John Gilberte and Mr. Cave. Charges of the voyage to the Islands, &c.

Dec. 6. 46. Sir Walter Leveson to Daniel Rogers. Is much beholden to him for his pains taken to finish with the Dean. Has sent up 38*l.*, and the rest shall be sent shortly. Has a fat doe and half a fat hind to send him when he likes, against Christmas.

Dec. 7. 47. William Waad to same. Mr. Kerke has brought letters from the justices of Norfolk for the renewing of a licence for repairing Sheringham haven.

Dec. 8. 48. Tho. Cely to Lord Burghley. High treason spoken to Dr. Ector by Dr. Marten, who was the Earl of Arundel's doctor. Dr. Marten has escaped to Dunkirk. Dr. Ector is a dealer with all papists and recusants, and had conveyed over many papists and Spaniards without passports. Destruction of letters written with lemon juice.

Dec. 8. The Mary Rose, near Dover. 49. Sir John Hawkyns to same. Reports their arrival off Dover with four of Her Majesty's ships, and intend to proceed to Chatham. An inventory had been made of all the goods and treasure found in the Spanish prize at Dartmouth. Has delivered the cochineal to those appointed to receive it.

Dec. 9. 50. Memorial of public business by Lord Burghley.

Dec. 10. 51. Brief estimate of the charge of a voyage made by Sir John Hawkyns, with six of Her Majesty's ships, to the southward.

Dec. 10. The Court. The Council to Sir George Barnes and Sir Geo. Bond, nominating and appointing them collector of the loan within the City of London. [*See Vol.* ccxxxvi., *p.* 2.]

Dec. 12. Grant to Lord Buckhurst of the office of Chief Butler of England and Wales, with the several fees of 150 marks by the year for life. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 12. Grant in reversion to Nathaniel Fuller of the office of one of the seven Auditors of the Exchequer for life. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 12. Grant of pardon to Walter Partridge, of Brownsey, Dorset, for killing William Drake and Walter Merriott, mariners, by the glancing of a bullet which he shot at the ship wherein they were, intending to stay the said ship. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 13. The Strand. 52. Sir John Perrot to the Council. Her Majesty's learned Counsel had visited him and read the articles propounded against him before the Council, with notes of his answers to them. Some few things had been omitted in his answers which he desired might be inserted. Prays that points of accusation may be particularly charged against him.

Dec. 14. The Court. 53. Lord Burghley to Sir John Perrot. Desires him to repay the 500*l.* received by him for the intended fortifications at Milford haven, to avoid giving Her Majesty further offence.

Dec. 15. The Marshalsea. 54. Sir Thomas Williams to the Council. Vindicates his proceedings in obtaining the place of Muster-master by appointment from Sir John Perrot. Relation of the several conversations he had with Her Majesty on the subject. Details of his long imprisonment in Ireland, when Sir John Perrot would not interfere for his release. Never received the least favour or reward at Perrot's hand. Complains of his present very close imprisonment.

Dec. 15. Grant to William Hareward of the office of Water Bailiff of the Thames between Staines Bridge and the head of the said river, in reversion after the death of Martin Expense. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. Grant to Robert Dalton of a gunner's room in Carlisle for life. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. Grant of lease in reversion to Henry Laneman, yeoman of the Guard, of the parsonage of Kynesbury, in co. Warwick, for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Letter to the Lord President of Wales for the election of the Earl of Worcester, Lord Chandos, Sir Tho. Lucy, Sir Ric. Berkeley Sir Wm. Herbert of Swansey, and Serjeant Owen, into the Council of the Marches of Wales. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Warrant to pay to Arnold Cosby the half of the sum of 401*l.* 7*s.* 0¾*d.* due to his father for service in Ireland. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Grant of pardon to Francis Phelipps, of Gloucester, innholder, for horse stealing. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Grant of an advowson to William Leeche to present Tho. Singleton to the next avoidance of Henton parsonage, co. Berks [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Grant of acquittance of the debt of Sir Wm. Pelham, being 9,291*l.* 11*s.* 3¾*d.* made by the Queen, to Wm. Pelham, his son, in consideration of the rectory and parsonage of Killingholme, co. Lincoln. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Grant to William Pelham, Esq., in fee farm of the Rectory of Killingholm at a reserved rent of 50*l.* per annum. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. 55. Note of towns and posts passed by Dennis Rowghane, in his journey in Spain, to Madrid, and on his return to Ireland.

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Dec. 17. 56. Answer of Sir John Perrot to the article concerning Denis Rowghane's employments after his release from prison, in trying to apprehend Dr. Strong, Dr. Comerford, and Dr. Creagh, in all of which he failed.

Dec. 17. 57. Perrot's answer to the article concerning Malachias O'Malone, for whom a recantation was drawn at Galway, and a sermon preached in the cathedral by the Bishop of Leighlin, and after the sermon the said Malachias published his recantation in Latin and Irish, acknowledging the supremacy to be in Her Majesty, and that her subjects were not to obey any foreign prince or potentate.

Dec. 17. 58. Perrot's answer to the article concerning the Rhymers of the North that went to dwell under the Earl of Thomond in his waste country of Thomond Detention of the Rhymers by Capt. Woodhouse in Connaught. He (Perrot) never saw the rhymes they made against Her Majesty. Woodhouse committed to the Marshal for drawing his sword upon the Earl of Thomond.

Dec. 17. 59. Perrot's answer to the article concerning the cause of Mr. Edrington, showing the motives which induced him to bestow the office of Muster-master on Sir Thomas Williams. His bad secretary, Philip Williams, had bewrayed his secrets and the secrets of the State. Denies ever speaking any unreverent words of Her Majesty, and any man who will assert that he did is a liar and most foul man.

Dec. 17. 60. Note of the debts owing to divers merchants for supplying Her Majesty's navy with canvas, cordage, and other naval stores from the 1st of January 1588–9 till the last of June 1590.

Dec. 19. Gatehouse. 61. Rowghane to Burghley. Memorial of his journey from Dublin to Lismore to see Sir Wm. Stanley. Names of the gentlemen before whom he said mass. Marvels what the Lord Admiral means by asking what he saw at Santiago in Gallicia. Describes what he saw there. James Meagher offers to confess what moved him to accuse Charles Trevor and Bullock of counterfeiting Perrot's hand.

Dec. 21. 62. Sir Edward Moore to same. The sudden calling of him in question about matters of State doth much appal him. In execution of the commission in Perrot's cause, he relied upon the Commissioners. Believes the priest Rowghane to be the worst man that lives on earth. Had been taken extremely sick, more like to die than to live.

Dec. 21. Gatehouse. 63. Rowghane to same. James Meagher hath confessed that he wrongfully charged Ch. Trevor and Bullock with counterfeiting Perrot's name, at the request and persuasion of the Bishop of Leighlin. Requests a pardon for Meagher.

Dec. 22. The Court. 64. Burghley to Sir John Perrot. Suggests to him to write him a letter of all such ways and means as he had used for the advancement of Her Majesty's revenues in Ireland.

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Dec. 23. Strand. 65. Sir John Perrot to Burghley. Relation of his services during his government in Ireland. Suppression of tanistry and causing lands to descend according to the course of Her Majesty's common laws, where before they used their own Brehon laws. Creation of divers shires, and appointment of Justices of Assize, Sheriffs, and other officers; the revenues largely increased by that and other means. Reform in the military force of Ireland. Left Ireland in universal quiet and obedience. The impost of wines worth 4,000*l.* in one year. Most of the greatest and wildest Lords being at Dublin at his departure, who had offered to accompany him over to kiss Her Majesty's hand. Prays Burghley that he will be a mean to Her Majesty to cast Her gracious eyes upon his afflicted mind, who never offended her in word or deed.

Dec. 27. 66. Examination of John Arden, gent., son of Laurence Arden of Chichester, concerning a dangerous attempt against the French King's person and estate, and his own dealings with Dr. Hall and other English fugitives. His brother Robert Arden, a canon of Toledo, 24 years resident in Spain.

Dec. 28. 67. Sir John Perrot to Lord Burghley. Will not speak evil of the dead; but he has found of late what a Secretary may do, either in not delivering of services done, or, if he mislike, in procuring of many inconveniences to one that serveth. Further details of the more important passages of his service in Ireland. Reduction of the great Lords of Ireland by his good policy.

Dec. 28. 68. Brief statement by Perrot of part of the things done in his government in Ireland for the advancement of Her Majesty's service; with an address by Perrot to Burghley declaring how unlikely it were that having done so much he meant to seek a new master; the Lord never help him if he ever had any such purpose.

Dec. 28. 69. Certificate of the furniture and munition remaining in the Swiftsure, the Mary Rose, the Foresight, the Hope, the Rainbow, and the Nonpareil, on their return from the voyage under Sir John Hawkyns.

Dec. 28. 70. Note of the powder and arms wasted in the ships, without the cause being assigned.

Dec. 28. Warrant to pay to Sir Michael Blount, Lieutenant of the Tower, 255*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* for wages and diet of the prisoners, and 35*l.* to the Keeper of the Gatehouse at Westminster, for prisoners there. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 28. Grant to Dr. Gyfford, one of Her Majesty's physicians, of the goods of Germane Poole, forfeited by reason of his continuance beyond the seas contrary to the statute. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. [30.]? Marshalsea. 71. Richard Randoll to Daniel Rogers. Prays him to remember his suit and that of a fellow prisoner, named Robeat Jackson, who is blind and has been promised his release. [*Randoll was com-*

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1590. *mitted to the Marshalsea on the 5th of October* 1590, *and on the 31st of December* 1590 *the Bishop of London was directed to examine Robert Jackson, who had been four years in the Marshalsea for recusancy, and earnestly besought his release. In July* 1591 *Randoll still remained a prisoner. Co. Reg.*]

Dec. 31. 72. Sir John Hawkyn's account of the receipts and expenditure for the Navy for 13 years, ending the last of December 1590.

[Dec.] 73. Another account by Hawkyns of the whole charge of Her Majesty's six ships employed in the expedition to the southward under his command.

74. Note of the charge of the six ships bound to the southward under Sir John Hawkyns.

75. Note of the principal causes of the expenditure of money received by Sir John Hawkyns in four years, from 1587 to 1590 inclusive.

76. "Ordinances and Instructions for Musters, to be observed "by the Governors, Chiefe Officers, Captaines and Souldiers, in "Her Majesties pay in the Lowe Countries, and to be put in execu- "tion by the Officers and Commissaries of the Musters resident "in the Garrisons, and attendant on the Companies employed "in the field: established by Her Majestie and the Lordes "of Her Highnesse Privie Counsaile, for reformation of all such "disorders as are growen by lacke of discipline among her "martiall men. Imprinted at London by the Deputies of Chris- "topher Barker, Printer to the Queene's most excellent Majestie, "1590."

77. Note of observations to be made in visiting the state of a foreign Prince; the situation of the country, its government, produce and revenue, names of the principal nobility, &c.

78. Plan of the offices and buildings of the palace of Eltham, by Jo. Thorpe.

79. Rates for the sale of ale and beer according to the price of malt. When a quarter of barley is sold for 2*s.* then four quarts of ale shall be sold for one penny.

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1590? 1. Commission by the Queen to Richard Greynevile, of Stow, co. Cornwall, Piers Edgecombe, Arthur Bassett, John Fitz, Edmund Tremayne, Wm. Hawkyns, Alexander Arundell, Thomas Digges, Martin Dare, Dominick Chester, and others, authorizing them to fit out and equip a fleet for the discovery of lands in the Antaactic seas and especially to the dominions of the great "Cam of Cathaia."

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2. The Queen to ———. Two letters on the subject of friendship. In the first, answers to his curious care to know what grief encumbered her breast, and the remedy that may cure the sore. In the second, a question was asked her,—Must aught be denied a friend's request. Indorsed "*a coople of tres of the Q, endyted and written "at one tyme.*"

3. Copies of the preceding.

4. A view of the true state of Derby Hundred, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, both for religion and civil government. Particulars of the connexions and conduct of the principal families of the nobility and gentry, Names of officers of the County Palatine. Numbers of communicants in each parish.

5. Map of the County Palatine of Lancaster, showing the towns and the seats of the principal nobility and gentry. Liverpool is designated only as a chapel.

6. "Certayne speaches in the epistle of a booke intituled a "Treatise that reformation, and those that sincerely favor the same, "are unjustly charged to be enemies unto Her Majestie and the "State." With the effect of the book. Indorsed "*Church matters "of the Puritans.*"

7. ——— to Lord Burghley (?) Has been eight years in employ and yet received no profit of his service. Amount of cordage delivered by him into the storehouse at Deptford. Desires to understand if he is to have the office in his own hands according to his patent.

8. Richard Topclyffe to —— ———. His opinion of Jesuits and seminary priests, who be men chosen out from among the most traitorous and most bloody-minded wits among the fugitives that have passed out of England. Influence of their actions among the discontented in England. If banished out of England they prove good intelligencers and spies for the King of Spain; and in case of sudden invasion would serve as guides to the enemy.

9. A very elaborate account or collection of all the civil offices of the kingdom, with the fees and perquisites pertaining to each office. The principal heads are:—The Nobility of England according to their authorities and degrees; the officers of the Royal Household; the towns of war, citadels, fortresses, and their establishments; the Borders; Guernsey, and Jersey; keepers of parks and royal houses, County Palatine of Chester, great Officers of State; Admiralty, Mint, Works, Artificers, Customers at various ports; receivers of Crown revenues in the several counties; Courts of Law, &c. [*This curious paper is in a dilapidated condition and is without date; but as the Earl of Essex is named as master of the horse it cannot be prior to the year* 1590.]

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1560? 10. Fragment of conditions for sending out a fleet of merchant ships from some foreign port for traffic to Spain and Portugal; probably Merchant Adventurers.

11. Answer of the company of the Merchant Adventurers against the proposition for admitting in to their trade a certain number of the Merchant Staplers.

12. Suit of Richard Martyn for the loan of ten thousand pounds weight of bullion, for five years, for the company trading to Turkey, to maintain the old trade there.

13. Petition of Sebastian Bene to the Council. Praying for the release of 3,000 clapboards detained in the port of London, belonging to Arnold Clevewelt of Dantzic.

14. Petition of Sebastian Bene and Andreas Barnes, Merchants of the Stillyard, to the same. Complaining that Sir John Hawkyns had not made restitution or given them satisfaction for the 3,000 clapboards and seven tons of iron bars, according to their Lordships' order.

15. Interrogatories to be ministered to Richard Brookes as to communications with Mr. Justice Southcott, and his knowledge of Simon Warner, imprisoned in Newgate for horse stealing and admitted to bail.

16. Examination of John Hall *alias* Hill *alias* Newcombe *alias* Hake, servant to Mr. Simon Digbye, of Coleshill, Warwickshire. That neither his master or himself ever went to church, while he was in his service. Mr. Digbye is now servant to the Earl of Essex, and lieth at Lady Digbye's house at Westminster.

17. Considerations showing that the office of Clerk of the Hanaper might be granted in joint patentcy or in reversion, the Queen having granted the same to Sir Ralph Sadleir and his son Henry Sadleir in joint patentcy.

18. List or roll of names of gentlemen proposed for sheriffs in Wales; with notes by Burghley on their qualifications or unfitness. Many are chosen sheriffs in Wales having neither lands nor goods, and lie in alehouses and live on the spoils of the country.

19. Certain notes from the examinations of H. Walpoole and others. A treatise in hand by Father Parsons of all the competitors to the Crown of England. Cecill, the priest, Moody, and Mr. Burly are discovered abroad to be spies employed from England. Design for a match between the Earl of Northumberland and the Lady Arbella. Francis Dacres is greatly beloved in the north parts. Design to kill the Cardinal [Allen.]

20. List of the names of captains.

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21. ——— ——— to the Council. Relative of his knowledge of William Marlevile, and his informations made nine or ten years past, relative to the transactions of one Thomas Goldinge, servant to Sir Thomas Kytson. Kytson and his lady presented at the Sessions for recusancy.

22. Tho. Celey to Lord Burghley. There is a Spanish woman in London who gives him news from Spain or Dunkirk. She has informed him of certain treasonable words spoken by Mr. Martin (Doctor to the Earl of Arundel) to Dr. Ector.

23. Notes from Tho. Celey to same. Devices for destroying the Spanish fleet and preserving Her Majesty's ships from their fireworks. To intercept the Spanish fleet from the West Indies; to victual 200 ships in one month. Plan for destruction of the enemy's ships by raising intense smoke, and in the midst of it to send in fire ships. Many other curious devices. Sir Francis Drake is expert in these affairs; is sorry he is in disgrace.

24. List of the names of Recusants in various counties, with their valuations; with the addition of several in Burghley's hand.

25. Account of the number of Recusants in the several dioceses of the province of York.

26. Objections of the shoemakers and other inhabitants of Scarborough to the grant to Elizabeth Mathew for the only buying of the livers of fish and of making train oil throughout England.

27. Petition of Geo. Harrison, mariner, to the Council. Is brought into great poverty by his suits against Nich. Leate, Wm. English, and John Somes, who had betrayed his ship and goods to the French at Rouen. Prays for an order against them.

28. Petition of John Danyell to same. That order may be taken with Mr. Topcliffe for a slanderous and untrue speech made by him, calling the petitioner a Papist.

29. John Danyell to ——— His opinion of William Morgan, whom he knew in Spain, and was conversant with one Owen Ethon, a follower of Sir Wm. Stanley, and a pensioner among the English and Irish pensioners in the Spanish fleet.

30. Memorandum of naval charges, in Lord Burghley's hand.

31. Petition of the Bailiff, Jurats, &c., of Hastings to [the Council?] praying for a licence under the Great Seal to collect contributions for repair of the pier of their harbour, destroyed by a great tempest on the 29th of November.

32. State of the controversy between Trinity College and St. John's College, Cambridge, about the inclosing of a piece of common ground, usually called Trinity College Green containing seven acres or thereabouts.

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33. Declaration of the title and claim of St. John's College to the piece of land inclosed by Trinity College.

34. The Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer to Edmond Felton, lessee of Ongar Park in Essex, formerly belonging to Humfrey Shelton, commanding him to leave Edward Shelton in quiet possession of 20 acres of land at the original rent covenanted between them.

35. Extract of the conditions of the licence granted to William Carr and Bridget his wife for the brewing of ale and beer for exportation.

36. State of the case of a Recusant going beyond sea without licence, and grant of his lands and goods by the Crown to a relation, who by his will devised the same to his son; return of the fugitive. Query, whether the Queen's grant to the relative were good; and legal opinion thereon.

37. Report on the state of the hoys and small craft belonging to the Thames, Sandwich, Dover, Rye, and other ports in Kent and Essex.

38. A brief note of the kinds of all such instruments as commonly do or have passed the office of Faculties and Dispensations since the Queen's Majesty's reign that now is.

39. Brief state of the case of Richard Kelley against Thomas Manstage and Robert Pope. Mercantile transactions with Richard and Christopher Blackhall at Rouen.

40. Examination of Elizabeth Vernon, widow, of Drayton, Shropshire. Her refusal to attend the church. Has heard no mass, except repeating the Latin prayers herself. Knows not if her two sons, Robert and Thomas Vernon, attend church; her daughter Margery does not. Attested by Wm. Overton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

41. Breviates for the ordering of the service in the farming of the Customs, and to be comprehended in the lease as covenants and agreements with the Queen. [*Probably after the death of Walsyngham, who in Aug.* 1585 *farmed the Customs.*]

42. Points set down to be considered in farming the Queen's Customs; with answers to the same. Indorsed by Ro. Cecyll, "*A "note of an off^r in y^e Customs.*"

43. Notes concerning Sir Walter Raleigh's discovery of Dorado, translated out of the natural and moral History of the Indies, written by Joseph Acosta, and printed in Seville, 1590: translated out of the Spanish by Richard Hackluyt.

44. Advertisement, that Roger Rolphe or Richard Ireland had the proofs that the Jesuits have shipped.

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45. Petition of Phelippe Zouche, wife of Francis Zouche, esq., to the Queen, complaining of the illegal endeavours of Sir Matthew Arundell to possess himself of the Manor of Ansty, co. Wilts, formerly surrendered to the Crown by Sir John Zouche, and reconveyed to Francis Zouche, and the heirs males of his body.

46. Proposition for the increase of Her Majesty's revenue, by granting composition for pardons in matters of outlawry. Outlawries now held in small regard, whereby the State receiveth some dishonour. At the last Parliament (1589), it appeared that well nigh one-fourth part of the Lower House were persons outlawed, whereat Her Majesty took just offence.

47. General interrogatories to be ministered to witnesses on behalf of Robert Shawe, John Hore, and Thomas Younge, in a cause depending in variance before the Privy Council, between Robert Hungate and Margaret his wife, complainants, and the said Shawe, Hore, and Younge, defendants; various marriages of the said Margaret; death of Robert Whitehand; murder of John Shawe; committal of John Hore to Newgate, by Sir Owyn Hopton. [*See also Jan.* 1583.]

48. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Sir John Hawkyns and James Quarles the sum of 5,938*l.*, for setting forth to sea six of the Queen's ships, viz.: the Merehonor, the Lion, the Nonperely, the Rainbow, the Dreadnought, and the Advantage, for six weeks.

49. Grant of the sum of 200*l.* to Lodowick Brisket, for past services; to be paid out of the receipt of the forfeitures of the Port of London.

50. Answer of the English merchants to the complaint of the French merchants, showing that they had the same privileges that the English merchants had in France.

51. The description of the rooms in some palace with one square court and four towers, containing a withdrawing chamber in the third story of the north tower, called Lord Leicester's chamber. Dimensions of the various rooms, offices, galleries, &c.

52. Note of the number of acres of arable land in the parish of Broxborne, Herts.

53. Coats of arms borne by noblemen and gentlemen of Hertfordshire; with names added by Lord Burghley.

54. Answer of the Aldermen of London to the proposal for keeping a supply of corn in store, for the provision of the City; they have taken order to furnish a proportion of 10,000 quarters.

55. List of the manors and lands mortgaged by Queen Elizabeth to the city of London, for payment of the sum of 60,000*l.*

56. Account of money laid out for some person by his uncle.

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57. An Exposition of a Universal Church, with elaborate detail of the principles, offices, and uses of the same; a multitude of scripture references in the margin. Indorsed, "*Jherome Dudley, "a prisoner in the Clinke.*"

58. Note of the charges for repairing the ship, the Elizabeth Bonadventure, probably at Cowes in the Isle of Wight.

59. Note of the wages to be paid to the captains and mariners for five months' service, every man rated according to his allowance; apparently for three ships.

60. Names of the masters of the Mary Susan, the Mary Anne, and the Greyhound, of Ipswich.

61. Private memoranda of expenses, by a servant, chiefly boathire between Wandsworth, Cannon Row, and Blackfriars.

62. Note touching the tenure of certain lands in the Manor of Fifield, co. Dorset, appertaining to the Bishop of Bristol, now held by Thomas Newman and Ellen Newman, by grant from her son Geffray Newman, deceased.

63. Account of the yearly value of lands surrounding Nonesuch Park pale.

64. Reasons for which the Earl of Lincoln desires humbly to speak to Her Majesty before he accept of any reconciliation or submission offered by Sir Edward Dymocke, in satisfaction of the wrong done to the Earl.

65. Note presented to the Lord Mayor of London of the debts owing to divers Englishmen by the Aldermen of the Stillyard.

66. Note of the annual allowance to the Posts between London and Plymouth, and the number of miles between each station.

67. Valuation of all spiritual promotions and livings in the diocese of Peterborough; with a note of fees payable in the Consistory Court thereof.

68. A summary information of the state of Lancashire, exhibited by the Bishop's secretary. Great increase in the number of seminary priests and recusants. Causes of the same. The Lord's day is generally profaned with unlawful trades and markets, with heathenish and popish pastimes.

69. Extracts in French and Latin, proving the supremacy of the Pope, the power of synods, inviolability of ecclesiastical law, &c., headed, "Articles concernans l'autorité attribuee a nře St. Pere par "dessus les Conciles et Canons."

70. A question, decided according to the Civil Law, whether prelates be usufructuarij or usuarij. Latin.

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71. Extract touching the precedency belonging to Doctors of the Civil Law, entitled "In Catologo gloriæ mundi, à D. Cassanæo "Burgundo olim composito, hæc questio de præcedentia inter "Militem et Doctorem sic disseritur; parte Nona, consideratione "prima." Latin.

72. Note of the faculties conferred on priests going into England, entitled "Facultates concedendæ Sacerdotibus in Angliam euntibus "cum remissione ad Archipresbyterum." Latin.

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74. The Life of Edward Throckmorton, written in Latin, and delivered to Sir Edward Stafford amongst Morgan's papers.

75. Charles Newcomen to Mr. Gowre. Certain letters had come from Copley and others beyond the seas, and delivered to the maid at Lady Guildford's house in Trinity Lane. He would do good service if he could manage to get possession of them.

76. Note for Jo. Boul. To execute several requests for the writer relating only to family affairs.

77. Memoranda from Tho. Nelson to Mr. Kyrby, to perform several commissions for him when he should come to Paris or Rouen.

York. 78. John Ballard to Robert Bucher. Expresses great friendship for him. Difficulties in the way of correspondence. Has had great business tending to his own gain, the which will be 12 months before it is finished.

79. Petition of Robert Batten to the Council. Complains that Peter Bowery, leather dresser, for whom he had acted as agent, refused to keep to his engagements. Is likely to be condemned in a false action for debt.

80. Edw. Brynham (?) to Father William Baldwin, a Jesuit, at Brussels. In favor of the bearer, who desires to return, as the country did not agree with him. The state of his soul is yet uncared for, although he had been at the well-head.

81. Dissertation on the evils resulting from the circulation o seditious writings and pamphlets, which are ignorantly thought to be the flying sparks of truth, forcibly kept down and choked by those in possession of the state.

82. Genealogical and other notes, in Lord Burghley's hand, relating to remarkable persons in Scripture history.

83. Genealogical notes, by Burghley, relating to the Pygotts, of Whaddon and Stratton.

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84. Genealogical notices of the families of Le Hadd and Denn, extracted from ancient charters; with copies of three charters of Tho. Denn, John de Combe and Alured Denn.

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86. Genealogical notices of the families of Witherington or Wodryngton, Fenwyk of Wallington, and others.

87. Pedigrees, in Lord Burghley's hand, of families residing in the Isle of Ely.

88. Pedigree of the family of the Fitzherberts, from the Judge's father until the present time, divers being traitors beyond sea, and most of those that be in England are dangerous persons.

89. Suit of John Spillman, Her Majesty's jeweller, for a grant of the advowsons of several parsonages, to prefer fit clerks thereunto, whensoever any of the same shall become vacant.

90. State of the case of Dr. Fabian Niffy, touching his marriage with Anne De la Haye, whom he had purchased in marriage. Opposition of her friends and relations. His arrest and imprisonment by Paul de la Haye.

91. Petition of Alice Nutshawe (wife of Wm. Nutshawe), to the Council. Complains of the severity of her husband's creditors, and prays that Robert Lee may be induced to receive payment of the money owing to him, by periodical payments from Robert Wright.

92. Company of Cappers of the City of Coventry to the Council, desiring that the Queen's letters patents for the making of hats and caps might be renewed as the patent formerly granted to John Baylie and Robert Blunte had been called in. Propose the names of Richard Smythe, Ric. Barker, Thomas Wyghte, and Rafe Bowne, four aldermen of the city, to be new patentees.

93. Reasons "against an opinion that it shall be inconvenient to "permit no woollen cloths to be transported until they have received "their whole workmanship and colour in this realm."

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